

## Wayland Baptist University

### Teach Out Plan for Closure of Altus AFB, OK and Fort Sill, OK Teaching Sites

Effective October 31, 2020

#### Background:

In keeping with its strategic plan, Wayland Baptist University routinely evaluates the continued relevance of each of its teaching sites and the contributions of each of those sites to the overall university mission and vision. Pursuant to the most recent evaluation, the university has determined that closure of the Altus Air Force Base (AFB), OK instructional site and the instructional site at Fort Sill, OK that are overseen by the Wichita Falls campus is in the best interests of the university and its mission.

#### **Date of Termination and Closure:** October 31, 2020

Effective October 31, 2020, operations at both the Altus and Fort Sill site will cease.

#### **Informing Students, Faculty and Staff**

All active students, defined as anyone enrolled in a class within the last three years who has not yet graduated and who is not declared as a transient student, will be notified via email of the closure prior to the end of the Fall 1 2020 term on October 10, 2020. Academic advisors/site coordinators also will contact students via text and telephone. Combined unduplicated head count of enrolled students for both instructional sites for the last three academic years are as follows:

	2019- 2020	2018- 2019	2017- 2018
Fall	10	10	23
Winter	10	8	15
Spring	9	12	17
Summer	5	13	14

#### **Completing Degree Programs – Active Students**

No face-to-face classes have been offered at either the Altus site or the Fort Sill site during the past three academic years. All students have enrolled in online classes. They will be able to complete their degrees online with no disruption and no financial ramifications from the closure. Academic advising and other student services such as tutoring and counseling and career services will continue to be provided virtually. The Wichita Falls campus now provides oversight for both the Altus and Fort Sill teaching sites. In the event face-to-face services are required, and provided personnel are allowed access to the military installations, personnel from the Wichita Falls campus will be available to provide assistance. The Wichita Falls campus is approximately 90 miles from the Altus site and approximately 50 miles from the Fort Sill site.

#### **Faculty and Staff Transition**

There are no full-time faculty or adjuncts assigned to the Altus AFB or Fort Sill sites since all students are taking only online classes.

Each site has a part-time site coordinator. Both employees were notified by the Wichita Falls executive director/campus dean of the closure. Both will be provided severance. The Fort Sill site coordinator had already announced his intention to retire. The part-time site coordinator at Altus was also advised to contact the Oklahoma Office of Workforce Development

(<https://oklahomaworks.gov/>, 900 N. Portland Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73104) for assistance with career, training and job search resources.