

Wayland Baptist University

Teach Out Plan for Closure of Clovis, NM and Cannon AFB, NM Teaching Sites

Effective January 2021

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 Clovis instructional site and the instructional site at Cannon AFB that is overseen by the Clovis teaching site is in the best interests of the university and its mission.

Date of Termination and Closure: January 2021

Upon termination of the lease at the current Clovis location at 810 E. 21st Street, Suites 4 and 6, Clovis, NM, in January of 2021, face-to-face classes will no longer be offered at that location.

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 defined as a transient student, will be notified via email of the closure prior to the registration for the Fall 2 2020 term. Academic advisors 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	59	59	65
Winter	51	48	59
Spring	33	71	57
Summer	21	39	56

Completing Degree Programs – Active Students

Students at these teaching sites have increasingly enrolled in online classes. For Fall 2019, 30% of credit hours taken were taken online; for Winter 2019, 43%; for Spring 2020, 44%; and for Summer 2020, 71%. Staff members have reviewed all degree plans for active students and have determined that all remaining classes to complete the degrees are offered online through WBUonline. Students will continue to receive academic advising from the Albuquerque, NM campus and virtually through the academic advisors assigned to WBUonline. Students will be offered online classes at the lower face-to-face tuition rate so that there is no negative financial impact due to the transition. Other student services will continue to be provided through the Albuquerque staff and online student services, including, but not limited to, library resources, financial aid assistance, business office functions, and health services.

Faculty and Staff Transition

Staff members were notified of the intent to close the Clovis and Cannon teaching sites on June 9, 2020. The Vice President for External Campuses and Dr. David Bishop, Executive Director/Campus Dean of the Lubbock campus, traveled to Clovis to meet face-to-face with the four Clovis staff members. The staff was informed of the decision to close the teaching sites upon termination of the lease in January 2021.

The Executive Director/Campus Dean of the Clovis campus announced his intention to retire at the time of the closure. One academic advisor advised that he had accepted a position at another institution. The remaining two staff members were invited to apply for any appropriate Wayland positions to be filled in the future. In addition, employees were encouraged to contact New Mexico Workforce Connection, New Mexico's official online portal for virtual job matching services, employment resources, Unemployment Insurance Tax and Claim System, and labor market information. (<https://www.jobs.state.nm.us/vosnet/Default.aspx>)

There are no longer full-time faculty assigned to the Wayland Baptist University-Clovis campus due to the resignation of one faculty member who relocated to care for aging parents and the death of the second full-time faculty member. Adjunct instructors are awarded separate contracts for each course taught with no expectation for work beyond the current issued contract.