



# PROCESS WORK INSTITUTE

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Notification of Academic Program Closure, July 5, 2023

Dear Community

The Board and Faculty of the Process Work Institute have taken the difficult decision to close our accredited Master of Arts degree program at the end of the current academic year, July 5, 2023. The Process Work Institute will continue other operations, governed by our mission and Board of Directors.

The last day of academic instruction will be July 5, 2023 enabling all current students to graduate as scheduled.

School closure information can be found on our website:

<https://www.processwork.edu/academic-program-closure-2023/>

## Context

This decision is the result of the adverse circumstances of the pandemic followed by the additional task of transitioning to a new accrediting body due to the loss of federal recognition by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) in 2022.

The Process Work Institute is honored to have offered an authorized MA program continuously in Oregon since 1992. We are proud to have graduated over 200 MA students, to date, in the field of Processwork. Our [graduate testimonials](#) evidence the impact our graduates are having around the world.

Despite a successful fundraising campaign in December and January, which demonstrated overwhelming support from the community, we did not reach the threshold needed to transition to a new accreditation body. Funds raised will be used to continue our mission by delivering Processwork education and training activities and exploring partnership opportunities for the delivery of an accredited degree program.

Throughout our history, we have been dedicated to delivering the highest standards of Processwork education to our students. In 2016 we obtained an initial grant of national accreditation from ACICS, successfully renewed in 2020, and effective until March 2024.

We will work with our accreditor and the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to ensure that educational quality standards of accreditation are met during the teach out and closure of the academic program.

## Completion of Studies

By setting the closure at the end of Spring Quarter, 2023 all current students will be able to graduate with the courses and faculty originally described for their program. Every current student will receive, at no cost, one unofficial and three official final transcripts on or before July 29, 2023.

For future official transcripts, the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission will be the custodian of record.

**If you need a copy of your transcript after closure of the academic program, please call 503-947-5716, or email [Info.PPS@hecc.oregon.gov](mailto:Info.PPS@hecc.oregon.gov)**

## **Transfer of Credit to Other Schools**

Students may wish to consider transferring to another school rather than completing their program at the Process Work Institute. Oregon has many public and private institutions in the state, and schools with programs available online. For a listing of Oregon Colleges and Universities, please visit [www.oregon.gov/highered](http://www.oregon.gov/highered). To learn more about local, regional, and national online education programs authorized in the state of Oregon, go to <https://www.nc-sara.org/directory>

Students should review all their options to select the best school that meets their needs. Students should have their transcript reviewed at their school(s) of interest, to secure a transfer of credit analysis, program completion outline, and full cost estimate prior to deciding where to transfer. PWI will provide at no cost an official transcript for this purpose, please email [registrar@processwork.org](mailto:registrar@processwork.org) with your request.

On behalf of the Process Work Institute Board of Directors, Faculty and Staff



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