

GAC Discontinuation of a Degree or Award

GAC Policy:

Discontinuation of a Degree or Award: (GAC Accreditation Handbook (5.0) Section B.5.4):

When a program plans to discontinue an accredited degree or award, the program must submit a Teach-Out Plan demonstrating how the program will continue to align with GAC Accreditation Standards and provide students with the academic and student support necessary to complete their program through the duration of the teach-out.

The following procedures apply to the discontinuation of an accredited degree or award:

1. The program must submit a Teach-Out Plan demonstrating alignment with the GAC Accreditation Standards.
2. The GAC staff review the plan and documentation to evaluate the program's alignment with GAC Accreditation Standards.
3. The GAC staff make one of the following decisions:
 - a. To accept the plan;
 - b. To request additional information; or
 - c. To request revision of the plan to ensure the program is aligned with the GAC Accreditation Standards for the duration of the teach-out.
4. A decision letter is sent to the program.

The plan will be kept on file for review at the time of the program's next GAC Reaffirmation of Accreditation. The program is required to notify GAC upon completion of the Teach-Out Plan and discontinuation of the degree or award.