

ARGOSY UNIVERSITY CLOSURE FACT SHEET

The Argosy University Northern Virginia Campus in Arlington, Virginia closed on March 11, 2019.

TRANSFER TO ANOTHER COLLEGE: Please see the information provided below by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) regarding transferring to another school. Additionally, you are encouraged to visit the GI Bill website at https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/school_decision.asp to access tools to assist you in finding another approved school.

RESTORATION OF BENEFITS: The Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) may be able to restore entitlement to beneficiaries affected by school closure or disapproval (if the disapproval was due to a change in law or USDVA interpretation of statute). Click [here](#) for more information regarding restoration of benefits.

The USDVA administers the GI Bill, and makes all determinations related to education benefit eligibility and payments. The USDVA also regulates entitlements paid to Veterans and performs all calculations. All questions regarding eligibility and payment of GI Bill benefits must be directed to the VA at **1-888-GIBILL1**.

The Virginia SAA is unable to answer questions or provide assistance with issues regarding eligibility or payment of USDVA education benefits.

SUMMARY - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- ❖ Argosy University Northern Virginia Campus in Arlington, VA closed on March 11, 2019
- ❖ USDVA will not pay GI Bill education benefits at an unapproved institution.
- ❖ Visit the GI Bill website: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/> to search for approved facilities in Virginia
- ❖ Only USDVA can provide assistance or address questions related to GI Bill eligibility or payment
- ❖ Read the below information from SCHEV pertaining to records and additional information regarding transferring

Please call 804-225-2298 if you have questions about the information on this fact sheet.

The below information is published on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's (SCHEV) website:

[HTTP://WWW.SCHEV.EDU/INDEX/STUDENTS-AND-PARENTS/CURRENT-ADVISORIES](http://www.schev.edu/index/students-and-parents/current-advisories)

ARGOSY UNIVERSITY - NORTHERN VIRGINIA

March 11, 2019

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) has been notified that Dream Center Education Holdings, the parent company of Argosy University, announced the school's closure effective immediately. The closure affects approximately 470 students attending Argosy University – Northern Virginia in Arlington and comes days after the U.S. Department of Education (USED) terminated the school's participation in federal student aid programs on February 27.

Students understandably may have questions about the following topics:

INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFER

Students were invited to attend Transfer Fairs on campus Thursday, March 7 and Friday, March 8, 2019, and Dream Center Education Holdings has published a list of partner institutions on its website at www.dcedh.org/partner-institutions.

Additionally, students displaced by school closures can explore their options at NextStepsEd (www.nextstepsed.org), an online ticketing portal funded by the Lumina Foundation. SCHEV makes no endorsement of their advising, and we encourage all students to contact Virginia institutions to discuss the transferability of credits earned at Argosy University – Northern Virginia.

FEDERAL LOANS

In February, the USED announced it would cancel any federal debt students acquired to pay for the spring semester at Argosy University. USED personnel will contact eligible students and post further information at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/announcements/dream-center>.

If currently enrolled students did not have the opportunity to complete their program because of Argosy's closure, they may be eligible for a complete discharge of their federal student loans. (If Argosy students transfer to another school for the purpose of completing the program for which they took out a loan while at Argosy, they will not be eligible to receive a closed school loan discharge.) More information is available at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/closed-school>.

STUDENT ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL RECORDS

At this time, Argosy University has not provided specific information to SCHEV about where student academic and financial records will be permanently housed. Argosy officials report that the registrar's office on the Arlington campus will remain open until March 15, 2019, and current students can obtain unofficial copies of their transcript through the Argosy University Student

Portal. Additionally, Argosy University will mail official transcripts and diplomas (where appropriate) to all current students free of charge.

Current and former students who want to obtain official transcripts should print and complete the Transcript Request Form available at www.argosy.edu/closed-school-information. The signed form and payment information should be mailed to:

Dream Center Education Holdings
ATTN: Academic Operations Department
1400 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Mailed requests typically require three (3) weeks processing time.