

OKWU Implements Campus Closure in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Response in Compliance with CDC Recommendations

March 17, 2020, Bartlesville, OK – Rapid changes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have compelled Oklahoma Wesleyan University to institute a campus closure. Effective Sunday, March 22, OKWU’s residential campus will be closed for the remainder of the spring semester.

Beginning March 30, all traditional classes will continue in an online format through the end of spring semester. Students transitioning to remote instruction will receive more information from the university and from their professors as they make the transition. OKWU is committed to assisting all students through this difficult process.

The university’s responsibility to students, their families, staff, and faculty requires that they avoid large group gatherings and promote self-isolation to prevent further spread of the COVID-19 virus. While this approach is not ideal, and while OKWU regrets that its students will not be able to access the enriching, on-campus educational experience, the university shares the president’s and governor’s direction and have turned towards this course in compliance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations.

“During this time when there are more questions than answers, we have a wonderful opportunity as a Christian university to share the reassurance and hope that we have,” President Jim Dunn said. “While we will take every precaution to keep our community, city, and country safe, we remain confident in the hope of Christ Jesus.”

OKWU looks forward to a return to on-campus learning in the summer and fall.

Visit www.okwu.edu/coronavirus for updated information.

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Oklahoma Wesleyan University is a recognized educational leader in the state of Oklahoma and beyond. OKWU has received national recognition from U.S. News and World Report, Forbes.com, and CBSNews MoneyWatch both for its excellent academic reputation as well as its missional integrity. The university is a four-year, Christian university of the liberal arts and sciences that is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). OKWU also receives professional accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and the International Assembly of Collegiate Business Education (IACBE). OKWU boasts national championship athletic programs in men’s and women’s basketball as well as baseball. Perhaps most important, OKWU is known for its bold and clear mission which emphasizes the Primacy of Jesus Christ, the Priority of Scripture, the Pursuit of Truth and the Practice of Wisdom.