

Q and A from Friday, June 17, 2022
Regarding Closure of Sposato Graduation School of Education

Overview: Sposato Executive Director, Dr. Jalene Tamerat, MATCH CEO, Nnenna Ude, and Sposato Board Chair, Spencer Blasdale hosted an optional Zoom call on Friday, June 17 from 4-5pm. Eleven Sposato students, all current second-year students, joined the call. Students asked questions to which we responded verbally, and we are sharing the questions as well as our responses here for clarity and for those who were unable to attend the Zoom session. If you have follow-up questions or questions about your specific circumstance(s), please speak directly to Dr. Tamerat. The Board will continue to work with Sposato leadership to answer questions.

Question: Will I have an accredited degree when I graduate?

Answer: Yes, you will have a fully accredited degree from Sposato.

Question: Is this Massachusetts accreditation only?

Answer: This is national accreditation from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges which is a U.S. Department of Education-approved accrediting agency.

Question: When Sposato closes will that affect my degree?

Answer: You will still have an accredited Master's Degree in Effective Teaching.

Question: What if a school hasn't heard about Sposato. If they check, whom do they call?

Answer: In Massachusetts, the Board of Higher Education approved Sposato's degree-granting authority for the Master's degree and will be able to verify when the Graduate School held this authority. The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges also has a record of our status as a nationally accredited school that grants a Master's in Effective Teaching.

Question: How can I request a copy of my student records or transcript after Sposato closes?

Answer: Prior to June 30, 2023 current and former students may access their transcripts by contacting Nnenna Ude at nnenna.ude@matchschool.org. Final decisions about where student records will be maintained and how to request copies of transcripts after June 30, 2023 have not been finalized. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

Question: What happens to future tuition payments?

Answer: Sposato Graduate School of Education will continue to collect tuition payments due pursuant to the schedule in the Tuition Agreement (see attached agreement).

Question: Why should we have to pay the remaining tuition?

Answer: Sposato was designed to be an affordable alternative to gaining a Master's Degree in Effective Teaching. Instead of collecting a fee up front, payments are designed to cover the costs of the program completed over time (again see attached agreement). The MATCH Foundation has 'front loaded' payments and has subsidized the program over the years.

Question: What happens if I don't pay my remaining payment(s)?

Answer: Our current policy is that we do not confer an official transcript or degree until payments due are received.

Question: What if I, or my colleagues, have other questions?

Answer: Please speak directly to Dr. Tamerat or to Ms. Ude. Questions that need Sposato Board attention will be brought to them immediately. We stand ready to support current Sposato students in any way possible and ensuring a successful completion of their degree.

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