


February 25, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees 

FROM: Pamir Alpay, Ph.D.  
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Program Closure: Graduate Certificate in Life Story Research in The Graduate School

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the closure of the Graduate Certificate in Life Story Practice in The Graduate School.

RESOLUTION:

“Be it resolved that the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees approves the closure of the Graduate Certificate in Life Story Practice in The Graduate School.”

BACKGROUND:

The School of Nursing offers a 12-credit, fully online graduate certificate in Life Story Practice and Research designed to prepare graduate students and professionals with knowledge and skills related to life story interventions and research. The curriculum includes coursework on written and oral narratives, reminiscence, life review, autobiographical memory, and guided autobiography, along with fieldwork experiences that allow students to apply these methods under expert mentorship.

The certificate has had no student enrollment since Fall 2022, and there are no students currently enrolled. Closure of the program will not affect student progress, faculty appointments, or accreditation. Because there are no enrolled students, a teach-out plan is not required. Approval of this action will allow the School to align its academic offerings and instructional resources with current and anticipated demand.

RESOLUTION RE:  
PROGRAM CLOSURE: GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LIFE STORY RESEARCH IN THE  
GRADUATE SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees approves the closure of the Graduate Certificate in Life Story Practice in The Graduate School.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution was duly authorized by the Board of Trustees on February 25, 2026.

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Bryan K. Pollard, Secretary

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Date