

Notification of Request for Authorization under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act

Date posted: October 14, 2011

Institution: Charter College

Nature of request: Authorization to offer an additional degree program at one of its three campuses in Washington State

Program to be offered:
Associate of Applied Science in Pharmacy Technician

Washington site where the programs will be offered:
Charter College-Vancouver
Columbia Tech Center
17200 SE Mill Plain Blvd. #100
Vancouver, WA 98683

Background:

Charter College is a division of Prospect Education which operates schools located in Alaska, California and Washington. Charter College has been authorized to offer degree programs at campuses in Washington State since April of 2009. It has been accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) since 1988.

Nature of the review:

Prior to granting authorization to offer new degree programs in Washington State, the Higher Education Coordinating Board/Degree Authorization reviews elements such as program outcomes, course requirements, method of course delivery, faculty credentials, and student services.

The program to be offered by Charter College appears to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Additionally, the Washington State Department of Health/Board of Pharmacy has granted its approval of this program.

Information on the additional program can be found at the end of this notice.

Timeline:

The HECB will accept comments on this application until October 28, 2011.

Any individuals with knowledge that may indicate the institution and/or the program does not meet the authorization requirements of WAC 250-61 are requested to submit comments to: <mailto:DegreeAuthorization@hecb.wa.gov>.

If you would like to know more about the current law and regulations that govern the program, the statute is RCW 28B.85 and the regulation is WAC 250-61. They can both be found at the following link: [Statutes and Regulations](#).

Program Title:

Associate of Applied Science in Pharmacy Technician

Program Outcomes:

The Pharmacy Technician program prepares students to seek employment as an entry-level assistant to a licensed pharmacist. The program provides the fundamentals such as pharmacy calculations, drug distribution systems, preparation of sterile dosage forms, customer service, pharmacy law and ethics, and pharmacy operations. The program includes hands-on experience to prepare students for a career as a Pharmacy Technician. Employment opportunities include positions in hospital, medical centers, skilled nursing facilities, private pharmacies, outpatient clinics and pharmaceutical companies.”

Number of Credits: 91.5 quarter credits

Required Courses:

General Education Courses: (22.5 credits)

ENG100	Written Communication.....	4.5
HUM202	Logic & Reasoning	4.5
MTH100	College Mathematics	4.5
SCI102	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	4.5
SOC101	Introduction to Economics	4.5

Program and Career Development Courses: (15.0 credits)

CMP102	Computer Essentials with Microsoft Windows	3.0
OFM102	Customer Service	4.0
ENG101	Oral Communications	4.0
BUS101	Career Development	4.0

Core Courses: (54.0 credits)

MED100	Medical Terminology Essentials.....	4.0
PTP101	Pharmacy Law and Ethics.....	4.0
PTP102	Infection Control and Safety	3.0
PTP103	Introduction to Pharmacy.....	3.5
PTP104	Administrative Aspects of Pharmacy Technology	3.0
PTP105	Basic Pharmacy Applications	3.5
PTP106	Professional Aspects of Pharmacy Technology.....	3.5
PTP107	Pharmaceutical Calculations.....	3.5
PTP108	Pharmacy Recordkeeping and Customer Service	3.5
PTP109	Pharmacy Operations	3.0
PTP210	Pharmacodynamics	3.5
PTP211	Pharmacokinetics	3.0
PTP212	Pharmacology	3.0
PTP213	Trend in Pharmacy	4.0
PTP214	Externship	6.0