

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

Date posted: January 17, 2012
Institution: Goddard College
Current status: Authorized to offer both bachelor and masters-level degree programs in a low-residency format at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend, WA as well as sites in Seattle
Nature of request: Authorization to offer three additional bachelor-level degree programs at the Fort Worden State Park site

Proposed programs:

Bachelor of Arts in Health Arts & Sciences
Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies
Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability

Washington site where the programs will be offered:

Fort Worden State Park and Conference Center
200 Battery Way
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Background:

Goddard College is a private, non-profit institution based in Plainsfield, VT. It has been accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) since 1959. It began offering degree programs in Washington State in 2005.

Nature of the review:

Prior to granting authorization to offer additional 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 programs to be offered by Goddard College appear to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the additional programs can be found at the following pages on the Goddard College website:

[Bachelor of Arts in Health Arts & Sciences](#)

[Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies](#)

[Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability](#)

Please note that while the program descriptions on these webpages mention that the eight-day residency takes place at the Plainsfield, VT campus, the offering of these programs in Washington State would involve students attending the residency at the Fort Worden State Park location in Port Townsend, WA.

Timeline:

The HECB will accept comments on this application until January 31, 2012.

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](#).