

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

**Date posted:** August 23, 2013

**Institution:** DeVry University

**Current status:** Authorized to offer degree programs at its campus in Federal Way as well as teaching sites in Bellevue and Lynnwood; additionally authorized to advertise and recruit for programs offered via distance learning

**Nature of request:** Authorization to offer a new degree program at the Washington sites as well as via a primarily distance learning format

**Proposed program:** Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management  
(degree completion program)

**Washington sites where the program will be offered:**

DeVry University  
3600 S. 344<sup>th</sup> Way  
Federal Way, WA 98001

DeVry University  
600 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Suite 230  
Bellevue, WA 98004

DeVry University  
19020 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West, Suite 110  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

**Background:**

DeVry University is a private, proprietary institution based in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. It has been authorized to offer degree programs in Washington State since 1999 and currently operates a campus in Federal Way and learning centers in Bellevue and Lynnwood. It is accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools-Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC).

**Nature of the review:**

Prior to granting authorization to offer new degree programs in Washington State, the Washington Student Achievement Council/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 DeVry University appears to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

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

**Timeline:**

The Council will accept comments on this application until September 6, 2013.

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: [Degree Authorization](#).

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

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Program Title:

**Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management  
(degree completion program)**

Program Outcomes:

“The program is designed to produce graduates who are able to:

- Manage health and life science information to support diagnosis and treatment of patients in all healthcare settings.
- Design organization-wide health information systems with processes including databases, warehousing, imaging, documentation, and security to meet and sustain user safety, privacy/confidentiality, and all regulatory protocols and requirements.
- Compile, analyze and present data for quality improvement, risk management and problem-solving purposes.
- Apply project management skills in collaboration with teams.
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.”

Number of Credits: 120 credits total, however students are required to enter with 60 credits from an associates degree

Admission Requirements specific to this degree:

Requires an associates degree in health information technology from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education. The degree must include at least 12 credits in general education coursework. If not, students must complete those courses in addition to the programmatic curriculum.

Required Courses:

Communication Skills: (7 credits)

ENGL135	Advanced Composition.....	4
Students choose one of the following:		
ENGL216	Technical Writing .....	4
ENGL219	Journalism .....	4
ENGL227	Professional Writing .....	4
ENGL230	Professional Communication .....	3
SPCH275	Public Speaking .....	3
SPCH277	Interpersonal Communication.....	3
SPCH279	Debate and Critical Thinking.....	3

Humanities: (3 credits)

LAS432	Technology, Society and Culture.....	3
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Social Sciences: (3 credits)

One 200-level course in ECON, PSYC or SOCS

Personal and Professional Development: (2 credits)

CARD405 Career Development .....2

Mathematics: (8 credits)

MATH114 Algebra for College Students.....4

MATH221 Statistics for Decision-Making .....4

Management: (11 credits)

BUSN115 Introduction to Business and Technology.....3

MGMT340 Business Systems Analysis .....4

MGMT404 Project Management .....4

Health Information Management: (24 credits)

HIM335 Health Information Systems and Networks with Lab.....3

HIM355 Advanced Classification Systems and Management with Lab .....3

HIM370 Healthcare Data Security and Privacy .....3

HIM410 Health Information Financial Management.....3

HIM420 Healthcare Total Quality Management .....4

HIM435 Management of Health Information Functions and Services .....4

MATH325 Healthcare Statistics and Research .....4

Senior Project: (3 credits)

HIM460 Health Information Management Practicum.....3