

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

- Date posted:** September 20, 2013
- Institution:** Northeastern University
- Current status:** Authorized to offer specific degree programs at a campus in Seattle as well as advertise and recruit for specific degree programs offered exclusively via distance learning
- Nature of request:** Authorization to offer, advertise and recruit for an additional degree program
- Mode of Delivery:** Hybrid and via distance learning
- Proposed program:** Master of Arts in Homeland Security with concentrations in:
- Emergency Management and Geographic Information Technologies
 - Organization and Infrastructure Continuity
- Washington site where the program will be offered:**
Northeastern University – Seattle
401 Terry Avenue N.
Seattle, WA 98109

Background:

Northeastern University is a private, non-profit institution based in Boston, MA. It received authorization to open a branch campus in the Seattle area as well as advertise and recruit for a number of programs offered exclusively via distance learning in May of 2012. It has been accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. since 1940.

Nature of the review:

Prior to granting authorization to offer new/additional 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 Northeastern University appears to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the additional program can be found at the Northeastern University website as follows: [Master of Arts in Homeland Security](#)

Timeline:

The Council will accept comments on this application until October 4, 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](#).