

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

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Institution: Charter College

Current status: Authorized to offer degree programs at campuses in Pasco, Bellingham, Vancouver, Lynnwood and Fife, Washington

Nature of request: Authorization to advertise, recruit and advise students for a 100% distance learning program offered by the main Anchorage, Alaska campus

Proposed program: RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (degree completion program)

NOTE:

1. The program is a 100% distance learning program administered through the Charter College Anchorage, Alaska campus.
2. The program has been reviewed by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education.
3. The program has been approved for the Anchorage campus by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) accrediting agency.
4. Washington campuses would be authorized solely to advertise, recruit, and advise students in the distance learning program.

Washington sites where the program will be advertised:

Charter College-Pasco
5278 Outlet Drive
Pasco, WA 99301

Charter College
410 W. Bakerview Rd., Suite 112
Bellingham, WA 98226

Charter College
Columbia Tech Center
17200 SE Mill Plain Blvd. #100
Vancouver, WA 98683

Charter College
19401 40th Avenue West
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Charter College
3700 Pacific Highway East, Suite 150
Fife, WA 98424

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 advertise for 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 advertised by Charter College 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 HECB will accept comments on this application until October 16, 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: <mailto:DegreeAuthorization@hecb.wa.gov>.

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](#).

Program Title:

RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (degree completion program)

Program Outcomes:

“The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program provides registered nurses with the administrative and management skills as well as critical thinking skills required to function as supervisors and managers in health care organizations. The program is a continuation of the knowledge of science and related professionalism of a registered nursing program. The coursework emphasizes critical thinking, legal and ethical issues, management, organizational leadership, and cultural considerations in health care.

Number of Credits: 187.5 quarter credits

Mode of Delivery: 100% distance learning

Admissions requirements specific to this degree:

- Must be a registered nurse
- Associate degree or higher in nursing from an accredited institution recognized by the Dept. of Ed.
- Degree coursework must have been completed in the last 8 years unless the applicant can document recent and continuous employment that demonstrates effective use of the skills and technology required in registered nursing.

- Must have successfully completed at least 60 semester or 90 quarter credits.
- Must have a CGPA of 2.0 or higher in the associate program
- At least 67.5 quarter/45 semester credits must transfer into the program “as concentration requirements.”
- At least 22.5 quarter/15 semester credits “must transfer into and replace some of the general education area requirements. (For example, a registered nurse who has successfully completed MTH100 College Mathematics will receive transfer credit for this general education requirement.)”

<u>Required Courses:</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<u>General education:</u> (54 credits total; 31.5 completed through Charter College)	
Transfer coursework	22.5
GE3110 College Algebra	4.5
GE3210 Scientific Discovery	4.5
GE3310 Interpersonal Communication	4.5
GE3330 Advanced Written and Oral Communication	4.5
GE3410 Logic and Reasoning	4.5
GE3510 Macroeconomics	4.5
GE4560 Economic Performance, Political Structures, and Personal Responsibility	4.5
<u>Core courses:</u> (133.5 credits total; 66 completed through Charter College)	
Transfer coursework	67.5
BSM3150 Healthcare Finance	4.5
BSM4010 Organizational Management	4.5
NUR3100 Historical Perspectives in Nursing	4.5
NUR3200 Transition to Nursing Leadership	4.5
NUR3600 Epidemiology in Care of Populations	4.5
NUR3650 Prevention and Population Health	4.5
NUR3700 Healthcare Informatics and Technology	4.5
NUR3800 Legal and Ethical Issues for the Professional Nurse	4.5
NUR3850 Alternative Approach to Healthcare	4.5
NUR4050 Transcultural Nursing	4.5
NUR4100 Professional Nursing Leadership Role in Quality and Safety	4.5
NUR4250 Health Care Regulation and Policies	4.5
NUR4700 Evolving Models of Healthcare	4.5
NUR4800 Nursing Research	4.5
NUR4950 Capstone Project	3.0