

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

- Date posted:** November 13, 2013
- Institution:** Columbia College
- Current status:** Authorized to offer degree programs primarily to military personnel at its sites in Marysville and Whidbey Island
- Nature of request:** Authorization to advertise and recruit for an additional degree program to be offered exclusively via distance learning
- Proposed program:** Master of Education in Educational Leadership

Background:

Columbia College is a private, non-profit institution based in Columbia, MO. It has been accredited by the North Central Association – Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC) since 1918.

Nature of the review:

Prior to granting authorization to advertise and recruit for 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 advertised by Columbia College appears to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the additional program can be found at the college's website at:

[Master of Education in Educational Leadership](#)

Timeline:

The Council will accept comments on this application until November 27, 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](#).