

Title	Degree Authorization Update
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Synopsis:	<p>The State Degree-granting Institutions Act requires all degree-granting institutions operating in Washington to obtain authorization from the Washington Student Achievement Council, unless the Council has determined they are exempt. Washington's public colleges and universities, and many other institutions such as private and religious schools, are exempt institutions.</p> <p>There are more than 70 authorized institutions in Washington. Authorization is program and site specific. Each program and teaching site must be reviewed every two years. The attached report summarizes authorization activities for the period July 1, 2013 – September 30, 2013.</p>
Guiding questions:	<p>Degree granting institutions must seek authorization when any or all of these criteria apply. The institution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers programs or courses at or from a physical location in the state. • Offers associate, bachelor's, and graduate degrees. • Recruits or advertises to state residents. • Has a distance learning program with a required field placement. • Maintains any type of physical presence in the state.
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Degree Authorization

- The Degree-Granting Institutions Act, Chapter 28B.85 RCW, requires the Washington Student Achievement Council adopt by rule minimum standards for degree-granting institutions operating in the state.
- The rules address quality of education, unfair business practices, financial stability, and other measures necessary to protect residents of the state against substandard, fraudulent, or deceptive business practices.
- All degree-granting schools must receive authorization to operate in Washington unless the school is found to be exempt from the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

In 2013:

112

- Institutions authorized to operate in WA.
 - 57 for physical presence
 - 23 for advertisement and recruitment
 - 32 for field placements (practicums, clinicals etc.)

63

- Additional public and long established Washington based independent institutions are exempt from authorization.

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- Schools offering programs exclusively of a religious nature are exempt.

Authorization is required when an institution:

- Offers degree programs or academic courses at or from a physical location in the state.
- Offers required field placements as part of a distance learning program
- Recruits or advertises directly to state residents.
- Maintains any type of physical presence in the state.

2013 Summary of Activities

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2013 Summary of Activities, con't

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- State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements
- Rulemaking
- Competency Based Education

October 1, 2013

TO: Dr. Randy Spaulding, Director of Academic Affairs

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SUBJECT: **Status of Institutions operating in Washington under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act and Foreign Degree Granting Branch Campuses Act for the quarter ending September 30, 2013**

The attached report summarizes the Washington Student Achievement Council's activity under RCW 28B.85 Degree-Granting Institutions Act for the third quarter of 2013. A listing of institutions authorized under the act can be found at:
<http://www.wsac.wa.gov/ProgramAdministration/Authorization/AuthorizedInstitutions>

Enclosures: Summary of activity for the quarter

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WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL
Summary of activity under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act
For the quarter ending September 30, 2013

Authorized

Current institutions: 112

Institution	Date Completed
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Initial Authorization Granted: (7)

Graceland University	08/20/13
Authorization to offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	
Concorde Career College-Kansas City, MO.....	08/21/13
Authorization to advertise, recruit and offer field placement components in Washington State	
Regis University.....	08/27/13
Authorization to offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	
Simmons College	08/28/13
Authorization to offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	
Samford University.....	08/29/13
Authorization to offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	
Vanderbilt University.....	09/10/13
Authorization to offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.....	09/19/13
Authorization to advertise, recruit and offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	

Renewals of Authorization: (14)

Park University	07/10/13
Nova Southeastern University	07/10/13
Vincennes University.....	07/10/13
Portland State University	07/22/13
Western Oregon University	07/29/13
Chamberlain College of Nursing	07/30/13
Pima Medical Institute	08/21/13
Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts	08/27/13
Brandman University	09/06/13
Gather4Him Christian College	09/06/13
Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary	09/09/13
Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center	09/09/13
Lesley University	09/11/13
ITT Technical Institute-Everett.....	09/16/13

Additional Programs Authorized: (32)

Moody Bible Institute	07/08/13
(residential offering)	
Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Languages	
Bachelor of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	
University of Southern California.....	07/08/13
(distance learning offering with field placement components)	
Master of Education in School Leadership	

Additional Programs Authorized: (continued)

Saybrook University	07/08/13
(distance learning offering with a residential requirement)	
Master in Organizational Systems	
Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Systems	
Linfield College	07/12/13
(distance learning offering with field placement components)	
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	
Liberty University	07/18/13
(distance learning offering with field placement components)	
Master of Science in Nursing-Nursing Administration – conditionally authorized, pending approval by the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)	
Columbia College	07/24/13
(distance learning offering)	
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration-Sports Management	
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Sports Management	
Bachelor of Arts in English	
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science	
Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration	
Brandman University	08/01/13
(distance learning offering with field placement components)	
Bachelor of Arts in Social Work	
Concorde Career College-Portland, OR	08/21/13
(advertisement and recruitment for programs offered residentially at the Portland campus with field placement components)	
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Laboratory Technician – conditionally authorized pending approval by accrediting agency and state of Oregon	
Associate of Applied Science in Neurodiagnostic Technology – conditionally authorized pending approval by accrediting agency and state of Oregon	
Argosy University	08/21/13
(residential offering)	
Master of Science in Management	
Northeastern University	08/23/13
(residential offering)	
Master of Education concentrations in: Higher Education Administration; Learning and Instruction; Learning and Instructional Design; Special Education	
Charter College	08/26/13
(residential offering)	
Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration (degree completion)	
Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice (degree completion)	
Associate of Applied Science in Network Security (degree completion)	
Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies (full degree version)	
Bachelor of Science in Accounting (degree completion)	
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (degree completion)	
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (degree completion)	
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (degree completion)	
Universal Technical Institute	08/26/13
(advertisement and recruitment for programs offered residentially at the Arizona campus)	
General Motors Manufacturer emphasis within the three associate degree programs	

Argosy University.....	09/11/13
(residential offering)	
Doctor of Business Administration	
Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership revision	
DeVry University.....	09/17/13
(residential offering)	
Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management	

Additional Sites Authorized: (3)

Argosy University.....	08/21/13
Certain degree programs will be offered at the Fife City Hall and Hampton Inn Suites in Tacoma, WA	
Brandman University.....	09/09/13
Certain degree programs will be offered at Olympic College in Bremerton, WA	

Withdrawal of Authorization:

Programmatic withdrawals: (7) (all voluntary withdrawals – programs are no longer offered)

Lesley University.....	07/30/13
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies leading to residency certification in Special Education: Human Development major with a Special Education minor	
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies leading to residency certification in Elementary Education: American Studies major with an Elementary Education minor	
Lesley University.....	08/01/13
Master of Education in Elementary Education (1-6): Profession and Practice	
Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a specialization in Literacy: Language, Reading & Writing	
Master of Education in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	
Capella University.....	08/01/13
Master of Public Administration/Master of Science in Public Safety joint degree program	
Argosy University.....	09/09/13
Master of Arts in Education-Educational Leadership	

Institutional Withdrawal: (2)

Savannah College of Arts & Design.....	09/09/13
(voluntary withdrawal of field placement authorization – the authorized program is no longer offered)	
University of the Rockies.....	09/12/13
(voluntary withdrawal of field placement authorization – the authorized programs no longer include field placements)	

Miscellaneous Activities Pertaining to Authorized Institutions: (26)

University of Cincinnati.....	07/11/13
Grant full authorization for field placements within the Master of Science in Nursing, based upon approval by the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)	
Northwest Institute of Literary Arts.....	07/11/13
Reviewed and acknowledged qualifications of new administrative staff	
Moody Bible Institute.....	07/11/13
Reviewed credentials and granted waivers for two faculty members to teach	
Old Dominion University.....	07/11/13
Reinstated the Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton site as a teaching site	

Miscellaneous Activities Pertaining to Authorized Institutions: (continued)

Linfield College	07/12/13
Granted full authorization for the RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, based upon approval by the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)	
South University	07/18/13
Reviewed and acknowledged revision to the Doctor of Nursing Practice program	
Argosy University	07/18/13
Reviewed and acknowledged revisions to the Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology program	
Argosy University	07/22/13
Reviewed and acknowledged revisions to the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts; Bachelor of Arts in Psychology; Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice programs	
International Academy of Design & Technology	07/24/13
Granted full authorization for the Bachelor of Science in Animation Technology, based upon review of faculty credentials	
Argosy University	07/25/13
Reviewed and acknowledged revisions to the: Associate of Science in Information Technology; Bachelor of Science in Information Technology; Associate of Arts in Psychology; Associate of Science in Business Administration; and Associate of Science in Criminal Justice programs	
Lesley University	07/30/13
Acknowledged that the following program is now in teach-out: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies: Sociology and Social Changes Major with a minor in Special Education	
Faith Evangelical College and Seminary	07/30/13
Reviewed and acknowledged credentials of new Registrar	
Charter College	07/30/13
Reviewed and acknowledged credentials of new Fife campus President	
Argosy University	08/01/13
Reviewed and acknowledged changes in term lengths for three masters programs	
Corban University	08/20/13
Reviewed and acknowledged credentials of new President	
Lewis-Clark State College	08/20/13
Granted full authorization for the Associate of Applied Science in Practical Nursing; Bachelor of Science in Nursing; RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing, based upon approval by the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)	
Liberty University	08/20/13
Granted full authorization for the Master of Science in Nursing-Nursing Administration, based upon approval by the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)	
Brandman University	08/21/13
Contacted the university regarding statements in the catalog that could lead students to believe the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work program has programmatic accreditation – they have subsequently been corrected.	
Northeastern University	08/22/13
Authorized the credit-bearing courses within four graduate certificate programs: Graduate Certificate in Construction Management; Graduate Certificate in Distance Learning; Graduate Certificate in Health Management; and Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management	

Miscellaneous Activities Pertaining to Authorized Institutions: (continued)

Seattle Film Institute	08/23/13
Reviewed and authorized the revision of the Master of Fine Arts in Producing for Film into a Master of Fine Arts in Filmmaking and Producing	
Charter College	08/26/13
Acknowledged the teach-out of 11 degree programs	
National University	09/03/13
Reviewed and acknowledged credentials of new President and Provost	
Antioch University	09/04/13
Reviewed and acknowledged program name change from Master of Arts in Education-Teacher Preparation to Master of Arts in Teaching	
Argosy University	09/09/13
Acknowledged teach-outs of the Master of Science in Non-Profit Management and Doctor of Education in Community College Executive Leadership programs	
Carrington College	09/09/13
Acknowledged consolidation of all campuses under the California campus, along with consolidation of accreditation of the campuses through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)	
Old Dominion University	09/11/13
Extended the authorization for 10 degree programs to include their offering via distance learning	

Other Inquiries:

Requests for information resulting from proposed U.S. Department of Education regulations affecting distance learning programs:

 Fielded 50 initial inquiries, sent 65 determination letters.....07/01/13-09/30/13

Transcripts Provided: (53)

Crown College	07/01/13-09/30/13
Issued 31 transcript copies	
Henry Cogswell College	07/01/13-09/30/13
Issued 18 transcript copies	
Northwest Aviation College	07/01/13-09/30/13
Issued 1 transcript copy	

Meetings with Potential New Institutions: (1)

Christopher Miller.....	09/04/13
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Requests for Degree Authorization Information: (12)

Dustin Joseph; Zeit International Development; World Task Force Security College; Pan Asia Human Resources Management; American University of the Caribbean; Ross University School of Medicine; Ross University of Veterinary Medicine; Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts-Seattle; The Wellness Institute; University Child Development School; National Hispanic University; Vitality Pilates

Religious Exempt

Current institutions: 51

Institution Date Completed

Initial Exemptions Granted: (1)

House of Prayer Bible Seminary..... 09/05/13

Renewal of Exemption: (6)

United Theological Seminary 07/25/13

Washington College and International Seminary 07/30/13

Had been suspended due to non-compliance with criteria for exemption, was reinstated as of this date

North Park Theological Seminary 08/01/13

Portland Bible College 08/12/13

Renewal of Exemption: (continued)

Evergreen Christian University..... 09/06/13

Canby Bible College 09/16/13

Exemption of New Programs: (2)

Evergreen Christian University..... 09/11/13

Masters of Christian Early History

Masters of Christian Education

Withdrawal of Exemption: (1)

New Hope Christian College 07/10/13

Voluntary withdrawal – no longer operating in Washington State

Meetings with Potential New Institutions: (1)

House of Prayer Bible Seminary..... 08/27/13

Miscellaneous Activities Pertaining to Exempt Institutions: (2)

Seattle Bible College..... 07/29/13

Acknowledged move to new location and appointment of a new President

Triune Biblical University 08/01/13

Acknowledged new location and new President; requested information on location of transcripts

Requests for Religious Exemption Information: (1)

House of Prayer Bible College

Foreign Degree-Granting Branch Campuses

Current institutions: 2

No activity this quarter

Conditional Waiver of Degree Authorization Requirements for Current Activity

Current institutions: 10

- Evangel University..... 07/24/13
Granted waiver to Evangel University, which has absorbed Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, which had a waiver for limited offerings at Northwest University
- Missouri University of Health Sciences 08/29/13
Granted an initial waiver to advertise and recruit for its programs exclusively to Boeing employees in the state.

Exemption of Degree Authorization Requirements for Current Activity

Current institutions: 3

- Vincennes University..... 07/10/13
Extended the waiver for educational activities on federal enclaves to include the Coast Guard Air Station in Port Angeles