



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

- Date posted:** July 16, 2014
- Institution:** Faith Evangelical College & Seminary
- Current status:** Authorized to offer degree programs in Washington State
- Nature of request:** Authorization to offer an additional degree program at its campus in Tacoma, WA
- Proposed program:** Bachelor of Arts in Education
NOTE: This program is NOT intended to lead to teacher certification, but rather provides the basic skills and theoretical foundation for a student to function as a Christian educator in various church and parachurch settings.
- Location:** Faith Evangelical College & Seminary
3504 North Pearl Street
Tacoma, WA 98407

Background:

Faith Evangelical College and Seminary was established in 1980 and operated under a religious exemption from degree authorization until 2006, when it became authorized. It has been accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) since 2001.

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 Faith Evangelical College & Seminary appears to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

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

Timeline:

The Council will accept comments on this application until July 30, 2014.

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](#).

Program Title:

Bachelor of Arts in Education

Program Outcomes:

“The Bachelor of Arts in Education curriculum provides the basic skills and theoretical foundation for a student to function as an Christian educator in various church or parachurch settings.” The degree is intended to increase the potential for students to meet a wider range of vocational needs in an increasingly broad variety of educational environments. The education degree provides students with an opportunity to specialize in a number of areas including Christian Education, Children’s Ministry, Youth Ministry, Pastoral Ministry, Missions and Evangelism, Church and Non-profit Administration, and Life Coaching. The degree is not intended to provide a path to teacher certification in the public sector.

Learning Outcomes

1. Acquire basic liberal arts knowledge through selected general education courses in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences;
2. Acquire a general understanding of and appreciation for the history of American education and the theological and philosophical underpinnings that have influenced its theory and practice, and evaluate and assess current educational practice in light of these understandings.
3. Acquire the ability to develop, implement, and assess curricula for sound educational practice, supported by educational psychology and relevant teaching/learning theories and models, while committed to Christian ethical principles and personal spiritual development
4. Acquire an understanding of how to teach in a multicultural educational environment integrating multiple perspectives and utilizing creative teaching methodologies.
5. Acquire an understanding of the importance and value that technology brings to education.
6. Acquire an understanding of the importance of educational policy creation and how it affects educational administration and governance.”

Number of Credits: 180 quarter credits

Mode of Delivery: Hybrid or 100% via distance learning (some courses will be taught on campus each year)

Required Courses: (all courses are five credits each unless otherwise noted)

Orientation courses: (15 credits)

General Education: (60 credits)

Humanities – 20 credits

Social Sciences – 20 credits

Natural Sciences – 20 credits

Bible/Theology Courses: (30 credits)

Core Courses: (50 credits)

EDU 310 History and Philosophy of Education

EDU 320 Learning Theories and Models

EDU 330 Introduction to Classical Education

EDU 340 Curriculum Development and Assessment

EDU 350 Creative Teaching Methods

EDU 410 Education and Emerging Technologies

EDU 420 Education in a Multicultural Environment

EDU 430 Ethics in Education

EDU 440 Education Policy and Administration

EDU 490 Education Integration/Analysis (Capstone courses)

Interdisciplinary/Specialty Electives: (25 credits)