

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

Date posted: May 8, 2012
Institution: Chamberlain College of Nursing
Current status: Authorized to advertise and recruit for distance learning programs as well as offer practica relating to those programs at various locations
Nature of request: Authorization to advertise, recruit and offer practica for an additional degree program
Proposed program: Doctor of Nursing Practice

Background:

Chamberlain College of Nursing is a division of DeVry Incorporated, based in St. Louis, MO, with campuses in Addison, IL, Columbus, OH, and Phoenix, AZ. It has been accredited by the North Central Association/Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC) since 1985.

Nature of the review:

Prior to granting authorization to offer 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 offered by Chamberlain College of Nursing 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 HECB will accept comments on this application until May 22, 2012.

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, the statute is RCW 28B.85 and the regulation is WAC 250-61. They can both be found at the following link: [Statutes and Regulations](#).

Program Title:
Doctor of Nursing Practice

Program Outcomes:

“The Chamberlain College of Nursing Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program (DNP) is a post-master’s professional degree program designed to prepare post-master’s advanced practice nurses for the highest level in nursing resulting in creation of new knowledge and application of and generation of nursing research and scholarship.”

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“The Chamberlain DNP Program is practice-focused and prepares graduates to analyze, synthesize, and apply scientific reasoning at the highest level to evaluate, plan, design, implement, and evaluate care for individuals, families, and populations in an effort to improve patient care and outcomes. DNP graduates will be prepared to lead teams of intra- and inter-professional colleagues, care for vulnerable, culturally-diverse populations, and assume the role of a transformational leader in a complex and chaotic healthcare delivery system to enhance patient-driven care, make evidence-based practice change, and be a mentor and role model to other nurses aspiring to lead and change healthcare in the 21st century and beyond. The curriculum is grounded in eight essentials outlined in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing document, *The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice* (October 2006).”

Number of Credits: 30 semester credits

Required Courses: (all courses are 3 credits each unless otherwise noted)

- NR-700 Scientific Underpinnings
- NR-701 Application of Analytic Methods
- NR-702 DNP Capstone Practicum I
- NR-703 Applied Organizational & Leadership Concepts
- NR-704 Concepts in Population Health Outcomes
- NR-705 DNP Capstone Practicum II
- NR-706 Healthcare Informatics & Information Systems
- NR-707 DNP Capstone Practicum III
- NR-708 Health Policy
- NR-709 DNP Capstone Practicum IV