

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

**Date posted:** October 23, 2012

**Institution:** Ashford University

**Current status:** Authorized to advertise and recruit for its distance learning programs in Washington State

**Nature of request:** Authorization to advertise and recruit for five additional distance learning programs

**Proposed programs:**

Bachelor of Arts in Complementary and Alternative Health  
Bachelor of Arts in Health and Wellness  
Bachelor of Arts in Health Informatics  
Bachelor of Arts in Library Science and Media  
Bachelor of Arts in Real Estate Studies

**Washington site(s) where the program will be offered:**

Not applicable, distance learning only

**Background:**

Ashford University is a private institution, based in Clinton, IA. In addition to its offerings at its Clinton campus, it offers programs exclusively via distance learning. It was granted authorization to advertise and recruit for its programs in Washington in 2009. It has been accredited by the North Central Association – Higher Learning Commission since 2005.

**Nature of the review:**

Prior to granting authorization to advertise 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 programs to be offered by Ashford University appear to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act. NOTE: All of the programs requested have been reviewed and approved by the North Central Association – Higher Learning Commission

Information on the additional programs can be found on the Ashford University website at:

[Bachelor of Arts in Complementary and Alternative Health](#)

[Bachelor of Arts in Health and Wellness](#)

[Bachelor of Arts in Health Informatics](#)

[Bachelor of Arts in Library Science and Media](#)

[Bachelor of Arts in Real Estate Studies](#)

**Timeline:**

The Council will accept comments on this application until November 6, 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:

[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](#).