

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

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**Date posted:** January 11, 2013  
**Institution:** Charter College  
**Current status:** Authorized to offer degree programs at campuses in Pasco, Bellingham, Vancouver and Lynnwood, Washington  
**Nature of request:** Authorization to offer an additional degree program at the four Washington State campuses  
**Proposed program:** Associate of Applied Science in Allied Health

**Washington sites where the program will be offered:**

Charter College-Pasco  
5278 Outlet Drive  
Pasco, WA 99301

Charter College  
410 W. Bakerview Rd., Suite 112  
Bellingham, WA 98226

Charter College  
Columbia Tech Center  
17200 SE Mill Plain Blvd. #100  
Vancouver, WA 98683

Charter College  
19401 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

**Background:**

Charter College is a division of Prospect Education which operates schools located in Alaska, California and Washington. Charter College has been authorized to offer degree programs at campuses in Washington State since April of 2009. It has been accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) since 1988.

**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 Charter College appears to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

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

**Timeline:**

The HECB will accept comments on this application until January 25, 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: <mailto:DegreeAuthorization@hecb.wa.gov>.

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](#).

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Program Title:

**Associate of Applied Science in Allied Health**

Program Outcomes:

“The Associate of Applied Science in Allied Health provides opportunities for health care professionals such as medical assistants, medical office administrators, dental assistants, and others to obtain additional skills and knowledge to enhance their careers. The program provides coursework in communications, legal and ethical issues in health care, critical thinking, and problem-solving. The program covers the skills, attitudes and values that can lead to entry-level employment in a health care setting.”

Number of Credits: 90 quarter credits

Admission requirements unique to this program:

- The program is intended for health care professionals with a certificate or coursework in allied healthcare program.
- The student must have a minimum of 40 credits in an allied health concentration
- Student must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Coursework must have been completed in the last eight years
- Coursework must have been completed at an accredited institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education

<u>Required Courses (after transfer of 40 credits from an allied health program):</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<u>General Education Courses (31 credits total)</u>	
Communications .....	9.0
Humanities .....	4.5
Mathematics .....	4.5
Physical Science.....	4.5
Social Science .....	4.5
ENG 121 Technical Writing and Presentation.....	4.0
<u>Core Courses: (15 credits total)</u>	
BSM200 Leadership and Team Management .....	4.0
MED150 Introduction to Health Records Management .....	3.0
MED270 Confidentiality of Healthcare Records.....	4.0
MED300 The Health Care System .....	4.0
<u>Required Course: (4 credits total)</u>	
BUS101 Career Development .....	4.0