

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

Date posted: September 7, 2011

Institution: Gather4Him Bible College

Current status: Currently operating under religious exemption from degree authorization to offer religious-based credit-bearing courses

Nature of request: Authorization to offer a degree program in Washington State

Proposed program: Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies

Washington sites where the program will be offered:
Gather4Him Bible College
1007 Wright Avenue
Richland, WA 99354

Background:

Gather4Him Bible College has been operating under a religious exemption from degree authorization since August 25, 2009. It would now like to offer a degree program at its facility in Richland. The college intends to seek accreditation through the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS).

Nature of the review:

Prior to granting initial authorization to offer degree programs in Washington State, the Higher Education Coordinating Board/Degree Authorization reviews elements such as institutional infrastructure, financial solvency, administrative staff qualifications, program outcomes, course requirements, method of course delivery, faculty credentials, and student services.

A curriculum review of the associate program was conducted by subject matter expert, Dr. Michael Adams of Faith Evangelical Seminary.

The program to be offered by Gather4Him Bible College appears to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

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

Timeline:

The HECB will accept comments on this application until September 21, 2011.

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:

Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies

Program Outcomes:

“The outcome of an Associate of Arts degree in Biblical Studies through Gather4Him Bible College would allow students to attain competence in General and Biblical Studies.”

Number of Credits: 65 semester credits comprised of:

- Communication Skills – 8 credits
- Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning Skills – 3 credits
- Human Performance – 2 credits
- Humanities – 12 credits
- Social Sciences – 12 credits
- Math/Science – 11 credits
- Biblical Education Electives – 15 credits
- Ministry Practicum – 2 credits

Required Courses:

Communication Skills: (8 credits)

EN 123	College Writing 1	3
EN 132	College Writing 2	2
CO 102	Fundamentals of Speech	3

Quantitative Skills: (3 credits)

MA 107	Math in Society	3
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Human Performance: (2 credits)

These courses may be repeated for additional credit

HP 121 FC	Fitness & Conditioning	1
HP 131 TS	Team Sports	1

Humanities: (12 credits)

ID 114	American Thought & Culture 1	3
ID 124	American Thought & Culture 2	3
ID 214	World Thought & Culture 1	3
ID 224	World Thought & Culture 2	3

Social Sciences: (12 credits)

Students choose 4 out of the following 5 courses:

PS 203	General Psychology	3
SO 203	General Sociology	3
TH 521	Understanding Church History	3
EC 213	Macro Economics	3
IS 202	Global Perspectives	3

Math/Science: (11 credits)

SC 114	Biology	3
SC 114L	Biology Lab.....	1
SC 143	Scientific Inquiry: Life Science	3
SC 143L	Scientific Inquiry: Life Science Lab	1

Students choose 1 of the following 2 courses:

MA 113	College Algebra	3
MA 146	Intro to Stats	3

Electives – Biblical Education:

(Students select a minimum of 15 credits)

BI 113	Survey Biblical Lit 1	3
BI 123	Survey Biblical Lit 2	3
BI 383	Life of Christ	3
TH 313	Christian Theology 1	3
TH 323	Christian Theology 2.....	3
MU 202	Intro to Worship Arts	2
BI 202	Bible Study Methods.....	2
BI 302	Teaching the Bible	2
BA 321	Servant Leadership.....	2

Ministry Practicum: (2 credits minimum)

CM 201	Ministry Practicum 1 (mandatory)	2
CM 301	Ministry Practicum 2 (optional)	3
CM 401	Ministry Practicum 3 (optional)	4