

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

Date posted: March 23, 2012

Institution: National American University

Nature of request: Initial authorization to offer degree programs at a location in Tacoma, Washington through a combination of residential and distance learning modes of delivery

Proposed programs:

Associate of Applied Science in Accounting

Associate of Applied Science in Applied Information Technology

Associate of Applied Science in Applied Management

Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration

Associate of Applied Science in Business Logistics

Associate of Applied Science in Clinical Lab Technician

Associate of Applied Science in Computer Security

Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice

Associate of Applied Science in Electronic Health Records Support Specialist

Associate of Applied Science in Health and Beauty Management

Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology

Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology

Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting

Associate of Applied Science in Medical Staff Services Management

Associate of Applied Science in Pharmacy Technician

Associate of Applied Science in Small Business Management

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Bachelor of Science in Applied Information Technology

Bachelor of Science in Applied Management

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with emphases in:

- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
- Financial Management
- Human Resource Management
- Information Systems with options in: Database Management; Network Management; or Web Development
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Supply Chain Management
- Tourism and Hospitality Management

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology with emphases in:

- Computer Security and Forensics

- Internet Systems Development
- Management Information Systems
- Network Administration/Microsoft
- Network Management/Microsoft

Online RN to BSN

Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership

Master of Business Administration with emphases in:

- Generalist
- Accounting
- Health Care Administration
- Human Resource Management
- International Business
- Management
- Thesis Option

Master of Management with emphases in:

- Generalist
- Criminal Justice Management
- Health Care Administration
- Human Resource Management
- Proprietary Higher Education Management
- Thesis Option

Master of Science in Nursing with an emphasis in Nursing Education

Washington site where the program will be offered:

Within the Tacoma area, the location is yet to be determined

Background:

Founded in 1941, National American University is a private for-profit institution based in Rapid City, SD. It currently has campuses in Albuquerque, NM; Bloomington & Roseville, MN; Brooklyn, NY; Colorado Springs & Denver, CO; Ellsworth AFB; Independence & Kansas City, MO; Overland Park, KS; Sioux Falls, SD. It has been accredited by the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges-Higher Learning Commission since 1985.

Nature of the review:

Prior to granting 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.

The programs to be offered by National American University appear to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the programs can be found on the National American University website in the following listings:

[Undergraduate programs](#)

[Graduate programs](#)

Timeline:

The HECB will accept comments on this application until April 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: <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](#).