

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

- Date posted:** July 27, 2012
- Institution:** Northeastern University
- Current status:** Authorized to offer specific degree programs at a campus in Seattle as well as advertise and recruit for specific degree programs offered exclusively via distance learning
- Nature of request:** Authorization to offer, advertise and recruit for 16 additional degree programs offered via the delivery modes noted below.

### **Proposed programs:**

#### To be offered at the Seattle campus via hybrid delivery mode:

- Master of Education with concentrations in:
  - Higher Education Administration
  - Learning and Instruction
- Master of Professional Studies in Geographic Information Technology
- Master of Professional Studies in Informatics
- Master of Science in Applied Nutrition
- Master of Science in Corporate and Organizational Communication
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice Leadership
- Master of Science in Global Studies and International Affairs
- Master of Science in Human Services
- Master of Science in Leadership
- Master of Science in Neonatal Nurse Practitioner – *pending additional review by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission*
- Master of Science in Respiratory Care Leadership
- Master of Science in Technical Communication
- Master of Sports Leadership
- Master of Science in Commerce and Economic Development
- Doctorate in Law and Policy

#### To be advertised in Washington State for their offering exclusively via distance learning:

- Master of Education with concentrations in:
  - Higher Education Administration
  - Learning and Instruction
- Master of Professional Studies in Geographic Information Technology
- Master of Science in Applied Nutrition
- Master of Science in Human Services
- Master of Science in Leadership
- Master of Science in Respiratory Care Leadership
- Master of Science in Technical Communication
- Master of Science in Commerce and Economic Development
- Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy

**Washington site where the programs so noted will be offered:**

Seattle, Washington

**Background:**

Northeastern University is a private, non-profit institution based in Boston, MA. It recently received authorization to open a branch campus in the Seattle area as well as advertise and recruit for a number of programs offered exclusively via distance learning. It has been accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. since 1940.

**Nature of the review:**

Prior to granting authorization to offer new/additional 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 Northeastern University appear to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the additional programs can be found at the Northeastern University website as follows:

- Master of Education with concentrations in:
  - Higher Education Administration: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/master-of-education-higher-education-administration.php>
  - Learning and Instruction: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/master-of-education-learning-and-instruction.php>
- Master of Professional Studies in Geographic Information Technology: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/masters-geographic-information-technology.php>
- Master of Professional Studies in Informatics: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/masters-informatics.php>
- Master of Science in Applied Nutrition: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/masters-applied-nutrition.php>
- Master of Science in Corporate and Organizational Communication: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/masters-corporate-organizational-communication.php>
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice Leadership: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/masters-criminal-justice-leadership.php>
- Master of Science in Global Studies and International Affairs: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/masters-global-studies-international-affairs.php>
- Master of Science in Human Services: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/masters-human-services.php>

- Master of Science in Leadership: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/masters-leadership.php>
- Master of Science in Neonatal Nurse Practitioner: [http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/nursing/programs/np/nn/ms\\_curriculum.html](http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/nursing/programs/np/nn/ms_curriculum.html)
- Master of Science in Respiratory Care Leadership: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/masters-respiratory-care-leadership.php>
- Master of Science in Technical Communication: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/masters-technical-communication.php>
- Master of Sports Leadership: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/masters-sports-leadership.php>
- Master of Science in Commerce and Economic Development: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/masters-degrees/masters-economic-development.php>
- Doctorate in Law and Policy: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/doctoral/doctorate-law-policy.php>
- Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy: <http://www.cps.neu.edu/degree-programs/graduate/doctoral/transitional-doctor-physical-therapy.php>

**Timeline:**

The Council will accept comments on this application until August 10, 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](#).