



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

Date posted: May 3, 2016

Institution: The Art Institute of Seattle

Nature of request: Initial authorization to offer degree programs in Washington State

Proposed programs: Associate of Applied Arts in Audio Production
Bachelor of Science in Audio Production
Associate of Applied Arts in Baking and Pastry
Associate of Applied Arts in Culinary Arts
Bachelor of Science in Culinary Arts Management
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Filmmaking and Video Production
Associate of Applied Arts in Digital Photography
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Photography
Associate of Applied Arts in Fashion Design
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fashion Design
Associate of Applied Arts in Fashion Marketing
Bachelor of Science in Fashion Marketing and Management
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Game Art and Design
Bachelor of Science in Game Programming
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic and Web Design
Associate of Applied Arts in Graphic Design
Bachelor of Science in Hospitality, Food and Beverage Management
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design
Associate of Applied Arts in Industrial Design Technology
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Instructional Technology and Design
Associate of Applied Arts in Interior Design
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Media Arts and Animation
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Professional Writing for Creative Arts
Bachelor of Science in Software Development for Creative Technologies
Associate of Applied Arts in Video Production
Bachelor of Science in Visual Effects and Motion Graphics
Associate of Applied Arts in Web Design and Interactive Media

Locations: 2323 Elliott Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121
2601 Elliott Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121

Background:

The Art Institute of Seattle is a private institution that is a division of Education Management Corporation. The institution has been in operation in Washington State since 1946. It is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

The School is currently exempt from Degree Authorization oversight under WAC 250-61-060(4). However, due to a U.S. Department of Education regulation requiring the school fall under a state complaint process, the Institute has chosen to seek authorization.

Nature of the review:

Prior to granting authorization to offer degree programs in Washington State, the Washington Student Achievement Council/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 The Art Institute of Seattle appear to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the additional programs can be found on the university's website at:

<https://www.artinstitutes.edu/areasofstudy>

Timeline:

The WSAC will accept comments on this application until May 17, 2016.

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 [Chapter RCW 28B.85](#) and the regulation is [WAC 250-61](#).