

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

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- Date posted:** August 21, 2012
- Institution:** Capella University
- Current status:** Authorized to advertise, recruit and offer field placements in Washington State for distance learning programs
- Nature of request:** Authorization to advertise, recruit and offer field placements for an additional degree program and additional program specializations

### **Proposed program and program specializations:**

#### **Master of Science in Information Systems and Technology Management** with specializations in:

- General Information Systems and Technology Management
- Business Analysis
- Enterprise Software Architecture
- Health Information Management
- Information Assurance and Security
- Project Management

and a focus in:

- Network Management

#### **Master of Science in Nursing** specializations in:

- General Nursing
- RN-to-MSN Diabetes Nursing
- RN-to-MSN Gerontology Nursing
- RN-to-MSN Nursing Leadership and Administration
- RN-to-MSN General Nursing

*(pending additional review by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission)*

#### **Master of Science in Psychology** specialization in:

- Applied Behavior Analysis

### **Background:**

Capella University is based in Minneapolis, Minnesota and offers its programs primarily via distance learning. It has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA-HLC) since 1997 and it has been authorized to advertise and recruit for its distance learning programs in Washington State since March of 2003.

### **Nature of the review:**

Prior to granting authorization to offer new 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 program and program specializations to be offered by Capella University appear to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the additional program and specializations can be found at the Capella University website at:

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### **Timeline:**

The Council will accept comments on this application until September 4, 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](#).