

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

- Date posted:** August 30, 2012
- Institution:** Lesley University
- Current status:** Authorized to offer certain degree programs at locations in Washington State as well as advertise and recruit for degree programs offered via distance learning
- Nature of request:** Authorization to advertise and recruit in Washington State for an additional degree program offered exclusively via distance learning
- Proposed program:** Master of Education in Effective Teaching with specializations in:
- Elementary Education Generalist (K-8)
  - Mathematics
- (not intended to lead to teacher certification)*

**Washington site(s) where the program will be offered:**  
Not applicable, via distance learning

### **Background:**

Lesley University is a non-profit institution based in Cambridge, MA. It has been accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges-Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE) since 1952.

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

Prior to granting authorization to advertise 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 to be offered by Lesley University appears to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the additional program can be found on the Lesley University website at:

[Master of Education in Effective Teaching](#)

### **Timeline:**

The Council will accept comments on this application until September 13, 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](#).