

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

Date posted: March 22, 2012

Institution: Northeastern University

Nature of request: Initial authorization to offer degree programs at a location in Seattle, Washington as well as advertise and recruit in the state for programs offered exclusively via distance learning

Proposed programs:

Programs to be offered entirely or in part at a location in the Seattle area:

- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science in Computer Science
- Master of Science in Energy Systems
- Master of Science in Engineering Management
- Master of Science in Health Informatics
- Master of Science in Information Assurance
- Master of Science in Non-Profit Management
- Master of Science in Project Management with specializations in:
 - Clinical Trial Design
 - Construction Management
 - Geographic Information Systems
 - Information Security Management
 - Leadership
 - Organizational Communications
- Fast-Track Master of Science in Project Management
- Master of Science in Regulatory Affairs for Drugs, Biologics, and Medical Devices
- Professional Science Master in Bioinformatics
- Professional Science Master in Biopharmaceutical Regulatory Science
- Doctor of Education with concentrations in:
 - Curriculum Teaching, Learning, and Leadership
 - Higher Education Administration
 - Organizational Leadership Studies
- Doctor of Nursing Practice

Programs to be offered exclusively via distance learning:

- Master of Business Administration with specializations in:
 - Finance
 - General Management
 - Healthcare Management
 - High Technology Management
 - Innovation Entrepreneurship
 - International Management
 - Marketing
 - Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Master of Science in Finance
- Master of Science in Taxation

Washington site where the programs will be offered:

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

Background:

Northeastern University is a private, non-profit institution based in Boston, MA. It was established in 1898 and incorporated in 1904 under the name of Northeastern College of the Boston Young Men's Christian Association. It has been accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) since 1940.

Nature of the review:

Prior to granting initial authorization to advertise and/or 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 Northeastern University appear to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the programs to be offered can be found on the Northeastern University website as follows:

- [Master of Public Administration](#)
- [Master of Science in Computer Science](#)
- [Master of Science in Energy Systems](#)
- [Master of Science in Engineering Management](#)
- [Master of Science in Health Informatics](#)
- [Master of Science in Information Assurance](#)
- [Master of Science in Non-Profit Management](#)
- [Master of Science in Project Management](#)
- [Fast-Track Master of Science in Project Management](#)
- [Master of Science in Regulatory Affairs for Drugs, Biologics, and Medical Devices](#)
- [Professional Science Master in Bioinformatics](#)
- [Professional Science Master in Biopharmaceutical Regulatory Science](#)
- [Doctor of Education](#)
- [Doctor of Nursing Practice](#)
- [Master of Business Administration](#)
- [Master of Science in Finance](#)
- [Master of Science in Taxation](#)

Timeline:

The HECB will accept comments on this application until April 5, 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](#).