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

Date posted: September 18, 2013
Institution: Chamberlain College of Nursing
Current status: Authorized to advertise, recruit and offer field placements for its degree programs
Nature of request: Authorization to advertise, recruit and offer field placements for an additional program track

Proposed program: Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner track

Please note that the primary degree program, the Master of Science in Nursing, is currently authorized. This is an additional track within that program.

Please note: Full authorization is not granted for nursing programs until Council staff is informed that the program is either not under Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) jurisdiction or the NCQAC has approved the program.

Background:
Chamberlain College of Nursing is a division of DeVry Incorporated, based in St. Louis, MO, with campuses in Addison, IL, Columbus, OH, and Phoenix, AZ. It has been accredited by the North Central Association/Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC) since 1985.

Nature of the review:
Prior to granting authorization to advertise, recruit and offer field placements for 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 Chamberlain College of Nursing appears to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the additional program can be found on its website at:
Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Track

Timeline:
The Council will accept comments on this application until October 2, 2013.

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.