

**Summary of activity under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act  
For the quarter ending December 31, 2014**

**Authorized**

Current institutions: 136

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
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**Initial Authorization Granted: (9)**

Loyola University Chicago .....	10/21/14
Authorization to offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	
California State University, Northridge .....	11/06/14
Authorization to offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	
University of Wisconsin-Stout.....	11/06/14
Authorization to offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	
Rush University .....	11/10/14
Authorization to offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	
Drexel University .....	11/10/14
Authorization to offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	
Philadelphia University.....	11/20/14
Authorization to offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	
University of Texas at El Paso.....	12/12/14
Authorization to offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	
Gallaudet University .....	12/15/14
Authorization to offer programmatic field placement components in Washington State	
The Wellness Institute.....	12/31/14
Authorization to offer degree programs in Washington State	

**Renewals of Authorization: (2)**

Pinchot University .....	10/20/14
Authorization to offer degree programs in Washington State	
Faith Evangelical College & Seminary.....	12/12/14
Authorization to offer degree programs in Washington State	

**Additional Programs Authorized: (26)**

Northeastern University .....	10/03/14
(residential offering)	
Master of Science in Global Studies and International Affairs revisions plus new concentrations in:	
• Conflict Resolution	
• Development and Global Health	
• Diplomacy	
• International Economics and Consulting	
• Global Student Mobility	
Harrison College .....	10/06/14
(programmatic field placement components in Washington State)	

# Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology

Additional Programs Authorized: (continued)

ITT Technical Institutes-Everett and Seattle .....	10/21/14
(residential offering)	
Associate of Applied Science in Drafting and Design-Architectural and Civil	
Associate of Applied Science in Computer and Electronics Systems Technology	
Associate of Applied Science in Computer Systems Support and Administration	
Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering Technology	
Grand Canyon University .....	11/05/14
(distance learning offering)	
Bachelor of Arts in Government	
Master of Arts in Autism Spectrum Disorders	
Liberty University .....	11/05/14
(programmatic field placement components in Washington State)	
Bachelor of Science in Biblical and Educational Studies	
Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics	
RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing ( <i>conditionally authorized pending Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission [NCQAC] approval</i> )	
Master of Arts in Ethnomusicology	
Master of Arts in Music and Worship	
Master of Arts in Global Studies	
Master of Divinity	
Master of Theology	
Capella University .....	11/07/14
(distance learning offering)	
Master of Health Administration specialization in Health Care Informatics	
Master of Science in Nursing specialization in Nursing Informatics ( <i>conditionally authorized pending NCQAC approval</i> )	
RN to MSN specialization in Nursing Informatics ( <i>conditionally authorized pending NCQAC approval</i> )	
University of South Alabama.....	11/10/14
(programmatic field placement components in Washington State)	
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner track with the following programs:	
Master of Science in Nursing	
Traditional Doctor of Nursing Practice	
Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Doctor of Nursing Practice ( <i>conditionally authorized, pending approval of the overall BSN-DNP program by the NCQAC</i> )	
Antioch University, Seattle .....	11/13/14
(residential offering)	
Master of Arts in Education concentration in Urban Environment Education	
Northeastern University .....	11/14/14
(residential offering)	
Credit-bearing courses within the Graduate Certificate in Data Science	
Walden University .....	11/17/14
(distance learning offering)	
Doctor of Nursing Practice ( <i>conditionally authorized pending NCQAC approval</i> )	

Additional Programs Authorized: (continued)

University of Southern California.....	11/18/14
(distance learning offering as well as programmatic field placement components)	
Master of Public Health with tracks in: Biostatistics/Epidemiology; Health Education and Promotion; and Global Health Leadership	
Grand Canyon University .....	11/20/14
(distance learning offering as well as programmatic field placement components)	
Master of Arts in Reading with emphases in: Elementary Education and Secondary Education	
Sanford-Brown College .....	12/02/14
(residential offering)	
Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration	

Additional Sites Authorized: (1)

University of Phoenix .....	10/02/14
Teaching site at Clover Park Technical College	

Withdrawal of Authorization:

Institutional Withdrawal: (4)

Lewis-Clark State College of Idaho.....	10/20/14
Withdrawal of field placement authorization due to approval as a State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) participant	
Ex'pressions College of Digital Arts .....	11/20/14
Decided it would not seek authorization under the new ownership – will no longer advertise or recruit in Washington State	
American Public University System.....	12/15/14
Withdrawal of field placement authorization due to approval as a State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) participant	
Boise State University.....	12/15/14
Withdrawal of field placement authorization due to approval as a State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) participant	

Site Withdrawal: (1)

DeVry University.....	12/23/14
Withdrawal of authorization for the Bellevue, WA site, effective 12/31/14 – will no longer be offering programs at that site	

Programmatic Withdrawal: (26)

ITT Technical Institute-Everett.....	10/06/14
Withdrawal of authorization for six degree programs that are no longer offered:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Associate of Applied Science in Computer Drafting and Design</li><li>• Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies</li><li>• Associate of Applied Science in Visual Communications</li><li>• Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice</li><li>• Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communications Engineering Technology</li><li>• Bachelor of Science in Project Management</li></ul>	

Programmatic Withdrawal: (continued)

Charter College .....	11/03/14
Withdrawal of sixteen degree programs from the Bellingham campus – they will no longer offer degree programs at this site	
Corban University.....	11/17/14
Withdrawal of the Doctor of Ministry program for its offering in Washington, will only be offered at the main campus in Oregon	
Sanford-Brown College .....	12/12/14
Withdrawal of authorization for three degree programs that are no longer offered:	
• Associate of Applied Science in Retail Merchandise Management	
• Bachelor of Science in Digital Marketing	
• Bachelor of Science in Retail Merchandise Management	

Miscellaneous Activities Pertaining to Authorized Institutions: (21)

Duquesne University.....	09/24/14*
Acknowledged withdrawal of application for initial field placement due to their decision not to make programs with field placements available to Washington students. We also granted them a temporary waiver of the requirements for authorization in order to teach-out any current students	
*not entered until after the last report	
Carrington College.....	10/20/14
Acknowledged a change of accreditation from the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges-Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (WASC-ACCJC)	
Faith Evangelical College & Seminary.....	10/20/14
Reviewed and acknowledged the credentials of the new Registrar	
Argosy University.....	10/20/14
Review of a student complaint – determined that the actions of the school did not violate its academic policy	
Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts, Portland.....	11/05/14
Reviewed and acknowledged the credentials of the new Campus Director	
University of South Alabama.....	11/06/14
Granted full authorization for the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) program based upon Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) approval	
Graceland University .....	11/06/14
Granted full authorization for the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) program based upon NCQAC approval	
Corban University.....	11/17/14
Acknowledged planned move on 12/31/14 to site in Kirkland	
Capella University .....	11/18/14
Granted full authorization for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Doctor of Nursing Practice program (BSN to DNP) based upon NCQAC approval	
Penn Foster College .....	12/02/14
Acknowledged new ownership and noted that the change would not require initial authorization due to the change in ownership not impacting the school's operation	

Miscellaneous Activities Pertaining to Authorized Institutions: (continued)

Simmons College .....	12/03/14
Granted full authorization for the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) and Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing (RN to MSN) programs, based upon NCQAC approval	
ITT Technical Institute-Seattle .....	12/11/14
Granted full authorization for the Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering Technology program, based upon approval by its accrediting agency, ACICS	
DeVry University.....	12/11/14
Reviewed and authorized the offering of credit-bearing courses at the Becker Professional Education location in Bellevue	
Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts, Portland.....	12/11/14
Reviewed and acknowledged a change in internship hours and total credits in both associate programs offered	
Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts, Seattle .....	12/11/14
Reviewed and acknowledged a change in internship hours and total credits in both associate programs offered	
University of Nebraska .....	12/12/14
Acknowledged withdrawal of application for initial field placement due to approval as a State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) participant	
Idaho State University.....	12/12/14
Acknowledged withdrawal of application for initial field placement due to approval as a State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) participant	
American Sentinel University.....	12/29/14
Granted full authorization for the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN); Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing (RN to MSN); Master of Science in Nursing (MSN); and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs based upon NCQAC approval	
ITT Technical Institute-Everett.....	12/29/14
Reinstatement of authorization for the Associate of Applied Science in Software Development and Bachelor of Science in Software Development programs. The programs had been previously withdrawn based upon incorrect information. They are still being offered.	
Pima Medical Institute .....	12/29/14
Review and denial of waiver request for a faculty member to teach general education courses due to lack of appropriate credentials and experience	
Washington Student Achievement Council.....	12/31/14
Filing of the finalized revisions to the Degree-Granting Institutions Act regulation. The revisions include language concerning the national State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA).	

Other Inquiries:

Requests for information resulting from proposed U.S. Department of Education regulations affecting distance learning programs:

Fielded 31 initial inquiries, sent 31 determination letters..... 10/01/14-12/31/14

Transcripts Provided: (37)

Crown College .....	10/01/14-12/13/14
Issued 30 transcript copies	
Henry Cogswell College .....	10/01/14-12/13/14
Issued 5 transcript copies	
Northwest Aviation College .....	10/01/14-12/13/14
Issued 2 transcript copies	

Requests for Degree Authorization Information: (3)

Cavalla International University; Kal Academy; Sustainable Materials Institute

**Religious Exempt**

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Current institutions: 51

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
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Initial Exemptions Granted: (1)

Ebenezer Theological University & Seminary .....	12/22/14
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Renewal of Exemption: (3)

College for Global Deployment.....	12/12/14
Renewed Life Seminary.....	12/24/14
Northwest Theological Seminary .....	12/29/14

Withdrawal of Exemption: (1)

School of Prophetic Arts.....	11/05/14
No longer in operation	

Meetings with Potential New Institutions: (1)

Ebenezer Theological University & Seminary .....	11/18/14
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Miscellaneous Activities Pertaining to Exempt Institutions: (4)

KAES Bible College & Seminary.....	10/01/14
Acknowledged the move of the main campus; discontinuance of the Covington site; and move of the Lynnwood site	
Al Amanah Islamic University .....	11/05/14
Informed the information on the website concerning authorization is incorrect, requested correction	
International Graduate School of Ministry .....	11/12/14
Acknowledged program name change from Master of Theological Studies to Master of Ministry	
Al Amanah Islamic University .....	12/05/14
Suspension of the religious exemption from degree authorization due to non-compliance with request to remove authorization language from the website	

Requests for Religious Exemption Information: (0)

**Foreign Degree-Granting Branch Campuses**

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Current institutions: 2

No activity this quarter

**Conditional Waiver of Degree Authorization Requirements for Current Activity**

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Current institutions: 7

Withdrawal of Waiver: (1)

University College Dublin ..... 11/06/14  
Withdrawal of the waiver granted – the planned program was never launched

**Exemption of Degree Authorization Requirements for Current Activity**

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Current institutions: 2

Renewal of Exemption: (2)

Vincennes University ..... 10/01/14  
Reconfirmed that the conditions under which the exemption is applicable remain in effect  
Baylor University ..... 12/11/14  
Reconfirmed that the conditions under which the exemption is applicable remain in effect