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Western Governors University Applies for CCNE Accreditation for Nursing Programs

SALT LAKE CITY -- Western Governors University has applied for accreditation of its nursing programs by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The WGU nursing programs are part of WGU's College of Health Professions and are national online programs drawing students from across the country.

Currently the nursing programs include an RN to B.S. in Nursing degree program and two master's level programs, a M.S. in Nursing-Leadership and Management directed at the preparation of chief nursing officers, administrators, and managers and a M.S. in Nursing-Education directed at the preparation of nursing faculty and nursing educators. Information about the online degrees is available at www.wgu.edu/nursingannouncement.


Because the programs are competency-based, students who already have extensive knowledge may be able to accelerate the time to completion. Tuition is \$3,250 per 6-month term or just \$6,500 per year. Enrollments are open continuously and new cohorts begin each month.

An accreditation site visit is scheduled for November 19, 2008. Interested parties are invited to make written comments to CCNE by October 15, 2008. Comments must include a signature. Direct all comments to:

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036-1120
www.aacn.nche.edu

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"I like the idea of a competency-based program. In some areas I already had expertise and skills so I could take an independent study class and build the portfolio and take the exams. In other areas I needed more instruction."

—Gretchen Burr, WGU graduate, high school teacher

"I am an expert..."

"Western Governors has raised the bar for online courses. Instead of graduating from their courses and saying, "I have passed all of the requirements," they want their students to say, "I graduated from WGU and I am an expert in the field of..."

—Jeffrey Cravy, WGU graduate student

"Competency-based..."

"Google has pioneered the idea of access to information. The reason Google thinks WGU is such a good idea is because WGU has pioneered the concept of competency-based education whenever you want it."

—Eric Schmidt, CEO of Google Inc.

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