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College of Western Idaho Receives Candidacy from National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission

CWI Now Seeks Accreditation Status for the RN and PN Programs

Nampa, Idaho — This week the College of Western Idaho (CWI) received confirmation of candidacy status from National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Candidacy is the first step toward NLNAC Accreditation. Seeking accreditation is a voluntary peer review process nursing education programs enter with the intent to ensure high standards through continuous quality improvements. With the candidacy status, CWI has two years in which to apply and receive accreditation for their programs. The nursing staff at CWI has been assigned a NLNAC member of the professional staff as their mentor. The mentor service is provided to facilitate program faculty self-review and planning.

“We are thrilled to be taking the additional steps in highlighting our already popular and successful nursing programs,” said Cathleen Currie, CWI’s Department Chair for Health Professions and Early Childhood Care. “Receiving the candidacy and aspiring to the accreditation of our Registered Nursing (RN) and Practical Nursing (PN) programs validates CWI’s commitment to excellence in education.”

Currently CWI accepts 40 students each spring for the PN – Advanced Technical Degree program, and 30 students each fall for the RN – Associate of Science Degree program. Repeatedly 2-3 applicants are received for every spot available. Most recent program graduates achieved a 91% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN).

“We’re focused on providing outstanding instruction and creating exceptional professionals for the healthcare industry,” added Currie. “At CWI, we want to ensure our students we are here to assist them in achieving their educational goals.”

Application acceptance has closed for the PN spring 2010 semester, applications for the RN fall 2010 semester will begin on January 19, 2010.

For more information, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3000.

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About the College of Western Idaho:

The College of Western Idaho is the gateway to a comprehensive range of education and training opportunities for the communities it serves across Southwestern Idaho. CWI is a community asset that enhances accessibility to higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition, enabling its students and the broader community to achieve more. The foundation for Southwestern Idaho’s only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. For more information, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3500.

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