

Supplement to WISR Catalogue for the period: July 1, 2006 – January 31, 2008

This two-page supplement updates WISR's current 57-page catalogue (which was initially written for the period July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2006).

There are no substantive changes in tuition, admissions, financial aid, degree offerings, degree requirements, methods of instruction, resources, status of the WISR as an institution, or policies of WISR.

UPDATE, AS OF JULY 15, 2007, REGARDING THE STATUS OF STATE LAW GOVERNING THE APPROVAL OF PRIVATE COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS LIKE WISR

- 1. The previous law expired on June 30, 2007. The State Legislature has passed, and the Governor has signed an interim bill providing for the continuing of this law through January 2007. The legislature and the Governor expect to agree on a new version of that law in the coming six months. In the meantime, WISR is covered under the previous law by virtue of that interim bill. Indeed, the previous agency, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, reapproved WISR for the maximum period of five years through June 30, 2012 before the previous law expired. This means that WISR continues to be fully approved by the State. Depending on the specifics of the new law, WISR's approval may extend for that five year period, or WISR may be evaluated for reapproval by the new Bureau at an earlier date, yet to be determined. In either case, WISR continues to be in good standing with the State.**
- 2. Furthermore, WISR continues to abide by all of the consumer-protection provisions of the previous law. The State is urging that students of all State-approved school and colleges continue to address inquiries, concerns and complaints to the office of the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, during this interim, transitional period.**
- 3. Members of the WISR community are urged to express their support to State legislators and to the Governor in support of a strong Senate Bill 823 (authored by State Senator, Perata) to replace the existing law. WISR takes the position that consumer protection and student rights are important to a healthy postsecondary education system in California. WISR has an impeccable history of perfect compliance with state law since we were first approved in 1977, and there have been no complaints against us in that entire time. There are some institutions that would prefer that the State be less aggressive in its consumer protection standards and enforcement procedures. We are very much in favor of a State law that requires State-approved schools and accredited institutions, alike, to abide by appropriate consumer protection standards.**

In addition, the following minor updates to WISR's previous catalogue may be noteworthy and of interest to some:

1. At the current time, students are not required to pay \$2.50 of every \$1,000 of tuition into the California State Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF). At a future date, the State may again require WISR students who live within California and who are not receiving tuition monies from outside agencies such as the Department of Rehabilitation to pay into this fund. For more information about STRF, see pages 21-22 of the catalogue.

2. Dr. Nazreen Kadir has joined WISR's faculty:

NAZREEN KADIR: Executive MBA, Golden Gate University, 1990. DBA, Golden Gate University, 2004. Dr. Kadir is a Biotechnology/Intellectual Property Consultant, Clinical and Research Scientist, Educator, and Social Activist. She is editor of the book entitled *A Low-cost Approach to PCR* (Oxford University Press) which describes a highly-successful program to teach individuals with limited resources in Latin America how to adapt and use sophisticated molecular biology laboratory techniques employing the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), used in gene splicing. Dr. Kadir has 30 years of multidisciplinary scientific research, strategic management and policy experience in healthcare. She also spent 15 years as a staff research scientist/manager with a multinational corporation. In 1989, she received the Miles Science Award for Functional and Immunochemical Characterization of Recombinant Factor VIII. At WISR, her work with students and on special projects focuses on Natural Sciences and Public Policy. She is from Guyana where she did a clinical sciences internship (1966-68).

3. Some of the information in the catalogue about current students and alumni is three or four years out of date. The information about students and alumni on pages 23-42 of the catalogue still provides useful illustrations of the work and community involvements of WISR alumni and students. WISR's web site, including the sections entitled "Catalogue," "Newsletter" and "Publications" does provide some more recent information on some of our students and alumni, including some links to student papers, theses and professional publications.