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## New med school at WSU gains accreditation

PULLMAN — Washington State University's new medical school reached another milestone this week when it was granted accreditation by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

Candidates currently are being interviewed for the charter class of students at the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine, according to a news release from WSU. The program will begin in the fall.

The medical school had been granted preliminary accreditation in October from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education.

"This is another historic step in our commitment to educating physicians who will practice in Washington's underserved communities," said WSU President Kirk Schulz. "I'm grateful to the NWCCU and to our internal team that continues its outstanding work as we prepare to welcome our inaugural class of medical students in August."

The university is requesting \$10.8 million from the state to support 60 first-year and 60 second-year medical students.

The college is named after WSU's late president, Elson S. Floyd, who proposed the medical school in 2014.

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