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Requires the Washington State University Tri-Cities branch campus to develop a plan for expanding into a four-year institution and to identify new degree programs and course offerings focused on areas of specific need in higher education that exist in southeastern Washington.

Provides that, beginning in the fall of 2007, the Washington State University Tri-Cities branch campus may begin, subject to approval by the higher education coordinating board, admitting lower-division students directly into programs beyond the biotechnology field that are identified in its plan as being in high need in southeastern Washington.