

715A.6A Prohibitions relating to false academic degrees, grades, or honors.

1. As used in this section, "*academic degree*" means a diploma, certificate, license, transcript, or other document which signifies or purports to signify completion of the academic requirements of a secondary, postsecondary, professional, or governmental program of study.

2. A person commits a serious misdemeanor if the person, knowingly and willingly, does any of the following:

a. Falsely makes or alters, procures to be falsely made or altered, or assists in falsely making or altering, an academic degree.

b. Uses, offers, or presents as genuine, a falsely made or altered academic degree.

c. Sells, gives, purchases, or obtains, procures to be sold, given, purchased, or obtained, or assists in selling, giving, buying, or obtaining, a false academic degree.

d. Makes a false written representation relating to the person's academic grades, honors, or awards, or makes a false written representation that the person has received an academic degree from a specific secondary, postsecondary, professional institution, or governmental program of study, in an application for any of the following:

(1) Employment.

(2) Admission to an educational program.

(3) An award or other recognition.

(4) The issuance of an academic degree to the person.