

WAC 490-105-150 Program, facility, and equipment standards.

(See RCW 28C.10.050 and 28C.10.060.)

(1) Schools must design and implement programs of quality, content, and duration, and with appropriate entrance criteria, instructional materials, staff, equipment and facilities to prepare students for the program's occupational objectives.

(2) The school must have an exact physical location which:

(a) Is adequate to meet the needs of its students and the objectives of the program;

(b) Provides a modern and effective learning environment with enough classroom, laboratory, and shop space for the number of students to be trained;

(c) Is maintained in compliance with state laws and local ordinances related to safety and health; and

(d) The school's physical facilities as well as instructional and programmatic elements are accessible to students with disabilities, and that reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities will be provided.

(3) The school must have equipment, furniture, instructional devices and aids, machinery, and other physical features that are:

(a) Adequate in number and condition to achieve the stated educational objectives of the course;

(b) Comparable in number and quality with those used by comparable schools with similar programs;

(c) Comparable to those in current use by the appropriate trade, business or profession; and

(d) Of sufficient quantity for the number of enrolled students.

(4) Schools shall only offer educational services that have been approved by the agency:

(a) All new program or course approval and program revisions shall be submitted to the agency in a format prescribed by the agency for review and approval prior to the proposed date of implementation;

(b) Programs or courses regulated by another agency must have and maintain continuous approval by that agency before the program or course can be submitted to the agency for action;

(c) The withdrawal of approval of a program or course by the other regulatory agency will result in automatic withdrawal of approval of the program or course by the agency.

(5) Schools that have an externship/internship, clinical/practicum, or similar requirement designed as a part of a program shall be approved as part of the program provided the externship/internship. Those programs must comply with the following:

(a) Be part of the approved curriculum of the school and described in the school catalog and directly relate to the intended area of employment.

(b) Be under the coordination of a qualified instructor or faculty member and designate for the direct on-site supervision of the student to ensure that all hours are completed and program requirements are met.

(c) The location of the externship/internship may be at the school's primary licensed location, at an approved on-site auxiliary location, or another location so long as an affiliation agreement or contract is in place and shall be made available to the agency upon request.

(d) Ensure positions are available for all enrolled students as they progress to the externship/internship portion of the program and

that students are timely placed so that the educational instruction is continuous.

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