

WAC 181-85-200 In-service education approval standards. All in-service education programs provided by approved in-service education agencies shall meet the following program standards if continuing education credit hours are to be offered:

(1) The objectives of the in-service program—i.e., intended outcomes—shall be written for each in-service education program.

(2) The content of the in-service education program shall be set forth in a program agenda which shall specify the program objectives, the dates of each session, the number of continuing education credit hours to be offered, and the names and a short description of the qualifications of each instructor, for example, the instructor's relevant experience, academic background, or current professional position.

(3) All in-service education instructors shall have academic or professional experience which specifically qualifies them to conduct the in-service education program, for example, expertise in a particular content area, field, or occupation.

(4) The program agenda and program materials, prepared, designed, or selected for the in-service education program shall be available to all attendees.

(5) The in-service education program must relate to one or more of the content standards in WAC 181-85-202.

(6) The in-service education agency shall provide program evaluations to the participants, and, to the extent possible, collect these evaluations, in order to determine:

(a) The extent to which the written objectives have been met;

(b) Participant perception of relevance and quality of the offering;

(c) The extent to which activities identified in subsection (5) of this section, addressed by the in-service program, have been met;

(d) The extent to which the in-service program provided the opportunity for participants to reflect on next steps or implementation of the learning in their practice; and

(e) Suggestions for improving the in-service education program if repeated.

(7) The in-service education agency shall compile the evaluations received in subsection (6) of this section in summary form. Summary evaluation results for each in-service education agency offering shall be accessible for review.

(8) The designated administrator of each in-service education agency shall assess the value and success of such program and periodically report his or her findings, along with a summary of the evaluation results, to the board of directors or in-service education agency committee that authorized the in-service program.

(9) The standards for recordkeeping as provided in WAC 181-85-205 shall apply.

(10) The in-service education agency must permit a designated representative to attend the in-service education program at no charge and permit such representative to receive a copy of the program materials required by subsection (4) of this section also at no charge.

(11) The in-service education agency must provide each registrant with appropriate forms for claiming continuing education credit hours.

(12) The provisions of this section do not apply to credit or continuing education hours awarded by accredited institutions of higher education under WAC 181-79A-030; course work continuing education hours awarded by a vocational-technical college; hours awarded by the

department of children, youth, and families under WAC 181-85-030; hours awarded under WAC 181-85-033; or hours awarded under WAC 181-85-077 which satisfy department of health licensure requirements.

(13) An entity providing an administrator or teacher continuing education program focused on equity-based school practices or the national professional standards for education leaders must publicly post the learning objectives of the program on its website. If the entity does not have a website, it must post the learning objectives of the program in a conspicuous place in the entity's main office and submit a copy of the learning objectives to the Washington professional educator standards board.

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