

WAC 246-830-422 Denial, suspension, or revocation of approval for a massage school, massage program, transfer program or apprenticeship program.

(1) When the board determines that a massage school, massage program, transfer program or apprenticeship program fails to meet the standards for education and training as required in this chapter, the board may:

(a) Deny approval to a new massage school, massage program, transfer program or apprenticeship program; or

(b) Suspend or revoke approval of an approved massage school, massage program, transfer program or apprenticeship program.

(2) The board may conduct a review or site visit to investigate any allegation that a massage school, massage program, transfer program or apprenticeship program has not met, or has failed to maintain, the standards set forth in this chapter including, but not limited to:

(a) Selling or offering to sell transcripts, or providing or offering to provide transcripts, without requiring attendance, or full attendance;

(b) Failure to require students to attend all of the classes listed on the transcript or school completion form;

(c) Failure to require students to attend all of the hours listed on the transcript or school completion form;

(d) Engaging in fraudulent practices including, but not limited to, the creation of fake documents to aid or abet students seeking licensure, aiding or abetting a student in cheating on the licensing examination, aiding or abetting students to use false documents or to present false testimony in hearings, aiding or abetting students in engaging in fraudulent practices with respect to hearings, making false claims, or otherwise engaging in fraudulent practices;

(e) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of any statute or rule applicable to a massage school, massage program, transfer program or apprenticeship program;

(f) Failure to create or maintain accurate records including, but not limited to, student attendance records and student transcripts or school completion form;

(g) Failure to identify transfer credit or clock hours from other institutions including name of other institution(s), credit or clock hours transferred, and class requirements met by transfer credit or clock hours on transcripts or school completion form;

(h) A finding by a state or local agency, or a private certifying, permitting, or accreditation agency related to massage, that a massage school, massage program, transfer program or apprenticeship program has engaged in any of the conduct identified in this subsection; or

(i) Failure of a massage school, massage program, transfer program or apprenticeship program that has requested board approval to meet or maintain the requirements for approval set forth in this chapter.

(3) Board approval expires and is no longer valid if the massage school, massage program, transfer program or apprenticeship program does not submit an application for renewal prior to the expiration date of the board's approval.

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