

WAC 246-840-512 Standards and evaluation of nursing education programs. (1) The nursing education program shall meet minimum standards established by the commission as detailed in WAC 246-840-511 through 246-840-556.

(2) The nursing education program shall implement a written, comprehensive, systematic plan for ongoing evaluation that is based on program outcomes data and input from faculty, students, health care partners and consumers, and that incorporates continuing improvement goals and measures.

(a) The plan must include evaluative criteria, methods used to evaluate, frequency of evaluation, assignment of responsibility, and measurable indicators or benchmarks of effectiveness for the nursing education program and instruction.

(b) The nursing education program shall document analysis of the data collected and actions taken as a result of use of the systematic program evaluation plan.

(c) Major changes in the professional nursing education program must be evidence-based.

(d) The nursing education program shall review and analyze the evaluative methods and instruments used to measure program outcomes for appropriateness according to the timeline specified in the plan.

(e) The nursing education program shall evaluate didactic and clinical course effectiveness each time a course is taught.

(f) Implementation of the plan for systematic program evaluation and ongoing quality improvements must be documented in faculty or faculty-related minutes.

(g) The following items must be included in the systematic program evaluation: Faculty, student and graduate satisfaction surveys, facility, resource and services surveys of faculty and students, faculty workload surveys and evaluations, national council licensing examination (NCLEX) pass rates, post licensure certification examination pass rates, student attrition and completion rates, employment rates after graduation, employer satisfaction, and program and student learning outcomes.

(h) Faculty and students shall participate in program planning, implementation, evaluation, and continuous quality improvement.

(3) Program information communicated by the nursing education program must be accurate, complete, and consistent.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.010, 18.79.110, 18.79.150, 18.79.190, and 18.79.240. WSR 16-17-082, § 246-840-512, filed 8/17/16, effective 9/17/16.]