

WAC 250-61-090 Administrative requirements. (1) Name. The official name of the institution shall be consistent with, and appropriate to, the program(s) of study offered.

(2) Purpose. The institution shall clearly define its purpose or mission in an official statement which describes its role in higher education. The statement shall reflect the practices of the institution.

(3) Administration and governance. The institution shall be governed by bylaws or policies defining a chain of authority and responsibility.

(a) Administrators shall normally be graduates of accredited institutions and have academic credentials and prior higher education administrative experience for their area of responsibility.

(b) The main campus of the institution shall have, as a minimum, personnel to adequately staff the following roles: A chief executive officer, academic officer, registrar, business officer, student services officer, library director, and, if financial aid services are offered, financial aid officer. These officers shall be accessible to students, faculty, and other personnel located at the main campus and at educational sites or centers in Washington. In the event that the proposed Washington site is a branch campus of an out-of-state institution, the branch campus shall also have sufficient personnel to adequately serve the students at that location.

(i) The chief executive and academic officers shall have at least a master's degree from an accredited institution and experience in college-level management, teaching, and academic administration, unless the institution can demonstrate that these are not the normally accepted standards for an institution offering the same level of instruction.

(ii) The registrar shall have at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and college-level experience in admissions and student records, unless the institution can demonstrate that these are not the normally accepted standards for an institution offering the same level of instruction.

(iii) The business, student services, and financial aid officers and library director shall have at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and experience in their assigned areas, unless the institution can demonstrate that these are not the normally accepted standards for an institution offering the same level of instruction.

(c) The institution shall specify an individual who will serve as the principal contact person for each educational site or academic center in Washington.

(d) The institution shall have policies and provisions for the involvement of faculty in the academic affairs, curriculum development, and governance of the institution.

(e) The institution shall have policies and provisions for faculty selection, orientation, teaching load, supervision, evaluation, and professional development.

(4) The following conditions shall disqualify an individual as an administrator of a degree-granting institution:

(a) Conviction of a felony within the past ten years;

(b) Involuntary surrender of authorization or a license to operate a school as the result of any action by the council or an oversight entity;

(c) Having been served with a cease and desist order for activities in violation of any applicable law or regulation; or

(d) Withdrawal of a license to operate an institution or denial of a renewal of authorization because of violation of any applicable law or regulation; or

(e) Having been found in violation of any law or regulation applicable to the operation of a postsecondary institution.

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