

WAC 246-808-040 Chiropractic colleges—Educational standards required for accreditation and approval. (1) A chiropractic college seeking to obtain or maintain commission accreditation and approval shall have clearly defined education objectives.

(2) Administration and organization. The chiropractic college shall:

(a) Be incorporated as a nonprofit institution and recognized as such by its state of domicile;

(b) Have a full-time administrator;

(c) Have either a president or a dean of education with a doctor of chiropractic degree; and

(d) Adopt policies on nondiscrimination as to national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

(3) The chiropractic college shall provide educational offerings that:

(a) Prepare the student for successfully completing the licensing examination and engaging in practice;

(b) Have an educational program with a minimum of four thousand classroom hours provided over a four year academic term;

(c) Have available syllabi for all courses;

(d) Offer a chiropractic curriculum as follows:

(i) Principles of chiropractic - Two hundred classroom hours;

(ii) Adjustive technique - Four hundred classroom hours;

(iii) Spinal roentgenology - One hundred seventy-five classroom hours;

(iv) Symptomatology and diagnosis - Four hundred twenty-five classroom hours; and

(v) Clinic - Six hundred twenty-five classroom hours.

(e) The computation of hours required in subsection (3)(d) of this section do not include mechanotherapy, physiotherapy, acupuncture, acupressure, or any other therapy; and

(f) Maintain a clinical program sufficient to fulfill the objectives of the chiropractic college.

(4) Faculty - The chiropractic college shall provide sufficient faculty to support the educational program of the chiropractic college.

(5) Students - The chiropractic college shall:

(a) Select students on a nondiscriminatory basis;

(b) Require that students maintain a 2.00 grade point average and have no chiropractic subject grade less than 2.00; and

(c) Require the student to complete a four-year academic program that meets all requirements of chapter 18.25 RCW and this chapter for licensing to practice chiropractic in Washington state.

(6) Physical facilities and equipment - The chiropractic college shall:

(a) Maintain a library of size and quality sufficient to serve the educational program;

(b) Maintain a physical plant that facilitates the educational program; and

(c) Maintain clinic facilities that are of sufficient size and equipped appropriately to serve the number of students enrolled.

(7) Financial - The chiropractic college shall:

(a) Have adequate present and anticipated income to sustain a sound educational program;

(b) Have well formulated plans for financing existing and projected education programs;

(c) Have an annual audit of financial records by a certified public accountant; and

(d) Make records available for review by the commission upon request.

(8) Self-evaluation - The chiropractic college shall have a program of continuing self-evaluation and such evaluation must be made available upon request by the commission.

(9) A chiropractic college must have successfully graduated a class prior to making application for commission accreditation and approval.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.25.0171 and 18.130.050. WSR 19-13-080, § 246-808-040, filed 6/17/19, effective 7/18/19. Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.25 RCW. WSR 96-16-074, § 246-808-040, filed 8/6/96, effective 9/6/96.]