

WAC 246-840-537 Curriculum for approved nursing education programs. (1) The curriculum of the nursing education program must enable the student to develop the nursing knowledge, skills, and professional identity necessary for the level, scope, and standards of competent nursing practice expected at the level of educational preparation.

(2) The curriculum will be revised as necessary to maintain a program reflecting advances in health care and its delivery.

(3) The curriculum, as defined by nursing education, professional and practice standards, shall include evidence-based learning experiences and methods of instruction, including distance education methods, consistent with the written curriculum plan.

(4) Clinical and practice experiences must include opportunities to learn and provide care to clients from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds. The emphasis placed on these areas and the scope encompassed shall be in keeping with the purpose and outcomes of the program.

(5) The length, organization, content, methods of instruction, and placement of courses must be consistent with the purpose and outcomes of the program.

(6) All nursing programs delivering curriculum through distance learning methods must ensure that students receive curriculum comparable to in-person teaching and the clinical and practice learning experiences are evaluated by faculty through formative and summative evaluations.

(7) Nursing programs shall not use external nursing examinations as the sole basis for program progression or graduation. External nursing exams for the purpose of this section, means examinations created by people or organizations outside a student's own nursing education program.

(8) Competency based testing for progression in nursing programs must be based on valid and reliable tools measuring the knowledge and skills expected at an identified level of student or nursing practice.

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