

WAC 246-830-435 Animal massage training. (1) For the purpose of animal massage therapist endorsement as provided in chapter 18.108 RCW, board approval will be given to any education and training program that consists of a minimum of one hundred hours. An hour of education and training is defined as fifty minutes out of a clock hour of actual instructional time. These one hundred hours must consist of the following:

- (a) Twenty-five hours of animal massage technique;
- (b) Twenty-five hours of animal kinesiology;
- (c) Twenty hours of animal anatomy and physiology;
- (d) Four hours of animal first aid which includes knowledge of normal vital signs, identification of emergency or life threatening situations, emergency first-aid application, and legal boundaries of emergency situations; and
- (e) Twenty-six hours of proper handling techniques which must include instruction on the ability to control the animal to minimize risk of harm to the animal and the animal massage therapist.

(2) Any school or training program that is required to be licensed by private vocational education (see chapter 28C.10 RCW or Title 28B RCW), or any other statute, must complete those requirements before the board will consider the training for approval.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025 (1)(a), 18.108.085 (1)(a), 43.70.041 and chapter 18.108 RCW. WSR 17-14-062, § 246-830-435, filed 6/29/17, effective 7/30/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.230(5). WSR 03-11-033, § 246-830-435, filed 5/15/03, effective 6/15/03.]