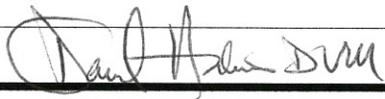


Department of Health
Office of Health Professions and Facilities
Policy Statement

Title:	Review of Continuing Education Courses	Number: 13-02
References:	RCW 18.92.030(2)(b); RCW 18.130.150(18); WAC 246-933-420; WAC 246-933-460; WAC 246-933-465; WAC 246-935-280; WAC 246-935-290 and WAC 246-12-240.	
Contact:	Judy Haenke, Program Manager	
Phone:	360.236.4947	
Email:	judy.haenke@doh.wa.gov	
Effective Date:	March 4, 2013	
Supersedes:	n/a	
Approved By:	Chairperson, Veterinary Board of Governors:	

A panel of at least three members of the Veterinary Board of Governors will review and approve or deny veterinary and veterinary technician continuing education courses.

RCW 18.130.150(18) states that the disciplining authority has authority to establish panels consisting of three or more members of the board to perform any duty or authority within the board's jurisdiction under Chapter 18.130 RCW.

WAC 246-933-420 provides that continuing veterinary medical education consists of programs of learning which contribute directly to the advancement or enhancement of skills in the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry. It states that licensed veterinarians must complete thirty hours of continuing education every three years.

WAC 246-935-280 provides that continuing education consists of programs of learning which contribute directly to the advancement or enhancement of the skills of licensed veterinary technicians. It states that licensed veterinary technicians must complete thirty hours of continuing education every three years.

WAC 246-933-460(10) and WAC 246-935-290(13) provide that the Board may approve courses not otherwise listed in the rule and WAC 246-933-420 and WAC 246-935-280 provide a standard for approving courses.

The panel will meet at scheduled intervals to review and approve or deny veterinary and veterinary technician continuing education courses.

The panel may meet by telephone conference, electronically, at a regular or special meeting of the Board. All panel meetings are subject to Chapter 42.30 RCW, the Open Public Meetings Act.

At each regular or special meeting of the Board, the current panel chair will provide a summary of the courses approved and whether any courses were denied.

If the panel denies a continuing education course and an appeal is received, the members of the board who did not sit on the initial panel would hear the appeal of the denial.

A panel of at least three members of the Veterinary Board of Governors will review and approve or deny veterinary and veterinary technician continuing education courses.