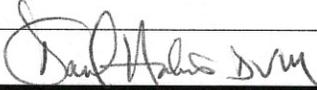


**Department of Health
Office of Health Professions and Facilities**

Policy Statement

Title:	Two year approval for subsequent presentations of the same or substantially equivalent continuing education course.	Number: 13.03
References:	RCW 18.92.030(2)(b); WAC 246-933-420; WAC 246-933-460; WAC 246-935-280; WAC 246-935-290 WAC 246-12-240.	
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Veterinary Board of Governors (Board) approval of a veterinary or veterinary technician continuing education course remains valid for two years for subsequent presentations of the same or substantially equivalent course.

WAC 246-933-420 states that licensed veterinarians must complete thirty hours of continuing education every three years.

WAC 246-935-280 states that licensed veterinary technicians must complete thirty hours of continuing education every three years.

WAC 246-933-460 lists the organizations whose continuing education courses are presumed to qualify for continuing education for veterinarians without any specific prior approval of the Board.

WAC 246-935-290 lists the organizations whose continuing education courses are presumed to qualify for continuing education for veterinary technicians without any specific prior approval of the Board.

WAC 246-933-420 and WAC 246.935.280 provide the course components that are used to review continuing education courses that do not qualify under WAC 246-933-460 and 246-935-290.

A panel of the Board will review veterinary and veterinary technician continuing education courses.

- The panel will meet at scheduled intervals to review continuing education courses. The panel may meet by telephone conference or separately at a regular or special meeting of the Board.

- 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.

Approved veterinary and veterinary technician courses may be presented to more than one audience in a variety of locations or settings statewide.

For the purposes of this policy, a substantially equivalent course means a course of the same length, with the same presenter, and the same content as originally approved. The content may include minor editorial changes for clarity or for updating of information or data.

A course may be taken only once by a licensee during a reporting cycle.

The Board believes no value is added by performing the review process a second time when the same or substantially equivalent course will be presented in a different location. Subsequent presentations of the same or substantially equivalent course are not subject to Board review if the course has been approved within the preceding two years.