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WAC 131-12-010 Minimum standards for admission to a community or technical college. (1) Any applicant for admission to a community or technical college shall be admitted when, as determined by the chief administrative officer of the district or his or her designee, such applicant: (a) Is competent to profit from the curricular offerings of the college; and (b) Would not, by his or her presence or conduct, create a disruptive atmosphere within the community or technical college inconsistent with the purposes of the institution; and (c) Is eighteen years of age or older; or (d) Is a high school graduate; or (e) Has applied for admission under the provisions of a student enrollment options program such as running start or a successor program; or other local student enrollment options program.

(2) However, an applicant transferring from another institution of higher education who meets the above criteria, but who is not in good standing at the time of his transfer may be conditionally admitted to a community or technical college on a probationary status as determined by the chief administrative officer of the community or technical college district or his or her designee.

WAC 131-12-020 Definition of resident student and procedures for classification. Students enrolled in a technical college are subject to the residency procedures of that technical college. For students of community colleges, residency, for purpose of tuition, shall be determined under the provisions of RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013.

The following procedures shall be followed by community colleges in making residency classifications:

(1) Upon receipt of an application for admission to the community college the applicant shall be classified as either a resident or nonresident as the facts may indicate.

(2) The notice of acceptance shall be accompanied by a statement of the applicant's residency classification and, in the case of those classified as nonresidents, a statement of the criteria and procedures to be followed for establishing resident status.

(3) Changes in residency classifications of applicants or enrolled students shall be made by the authorized college official as follows: (a) In the case of applicants or enrolled students who have been classified as nonresident, upon presentation by the applicant or student or an authorized representative of sufficient proof that the applicant or enrolled student meets the provisions of RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013; and (b) In the case of applicants or enrolled students who have been classified as residents, upon presentation or discovery of proof that such individual is legally domiciled outside the state of Washington.

(4) In the event of dispute or question regarding the residency status of any applicant or enrolled student, the matter shall be referred to the office of attorney general for advice.

WAC 131-12-030 Districts authorized to restrict enrollment in classes, courses or programs. A community and technical college district may establish:

(1) Enrollment limits for any class, course or program when such restrictions are necessary because of limitations of physical facilities or operating funds or when such restrictions are consistent with generally accepted educational practices regarding efficient maximum class sizes.

(2) Reasonable prerequisites for enrollment in any class, course or program to insure that a student will profit or benefit from the particular class, course or program.

WAC 131-12-040 Districts shall establish rules allowing intercampus and intercollege enrollment. College districts that offer instruction in more than one location shall establish reasonable rules and procedures that will allow intercampus and intercollege enrollment of students without penalty or additional cost above the normal tuition, special
fees, and incidental fees charged by the district for attendance at any single campus or college therein.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28B.50 RCW. WSR 98-15-011, § 131-12-040, filed 7/2/98, effective 8/2/98; Order 3, § 131-12-040, filed 6/19/69.]

**WAC 131-12-041 Interdistrict registration of students.** Under the authority of RCW 28B.50.095 the following rule applies to the interdistrict enrollment of students at community colleges. The purpose of this rule is to allow students to concurrently enroll at more than one community college, but pay no more tuition and fees than if the student was enrolled at a single college.

1. Interdistrict registration shall mean the concurrent enrollment of a student in community colleges operated by two or more community college districts.

2. Interdistrict registration shall occur only on the basis of a specific agreement between the two or more colleges and shall be used only to accommodate students when courses will not be offered in a manner that will enable the timely completion of the student's program of study. Agreements may also include tuition and fee revenue sharing.

3. Students shall enroll and pay tuition and fees at the first college. The second college in which the student is enrolled shall charge and collect tuition and fees for those additional credits as if the student was taking all of their credits at the second college.

4. Withdrawal from the college or reduction of course load in the college of initial registration shall invalidate any reduced tuition and fee registration at a second college unless the appropriate additional tuition and fees are paid.

5. Students enrolled in a second college under the provisions of this regulation shall be required to comply with the regular registration procedure of such second college and shall be required to pay any additional special fees—such as laboratory, supply, use or records fees normally charged to students enrolled at that college.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28B.50 RCW. WSR 03-22-026, § 131-12-080, filed 10/27/03, effective 11/27/03.]

**WAC 131-12-050 Rules defining student rights and responsibilities required to be adopted.** In order that each student attending a community college is assured of substantive and procedural due process of the law, each community college district shall promulgate, adopt and publish rules defining and establishing student rights and responsibilities. The minimum involvement which shall be afforded students, except in emergencies, shall consist of a reasonable opportunity to review and express opinions regarding the proposed exercise of the community college's rule-making authority.

[Order 5, § 131-12-060, filed 12/12/69.]

**WAC 131-12-080 Student progress toward degrees and certificates.** In the 2003 legislative session the legislature passed a bill that requires community and technical colleges to adopt policies and procedures to expedite students' progress toward their program goals. The intent of the legislation is to encourage students enrolled in degree or certificate programs to complete their programs with limited additional credits. The policies and procedures should address:

1. Students who accumulate more than one hundred twenty-five percent of the number of credits required to complete an associate degree or certificate;

2. Students who have a pattern of dropping more than twenty-five percent of their course load; and

3. Students who remain on academic probation for more than one quarter.

Colleges will report to the state board for community and technical colleges the policies and procedures that they approve.

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