

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 95-11-108, filed 5/23/95, effective 6/23/95)

**WAC 246-830-475** (~~Qualification of program for~~) Continuing education (credit) requirements. (~~Completion of a formal program of learning which serves to enhance the professional knowledge and development of the licensee shall qualify as continuing education credit.~~) (1) To renew a license, licensed massage practitioners must complete twenty-four hours of continuing education every two years.

(a) A minimum of eight hours must be direct supervised massage skills training; and

(b) An additional eight hours must be in professional ethics and communication, of which two of those hours must include professional roles and boundaries.

(2) For the purposes of this chapter, (~~a formal program of learning shall be~~) continuing education is defined as any of the following activities that involve direct application of massage therapy knowledge, skills, and business practices:

~~((1))~~ (a) Attendance at a local, state, national or international continuing education program (~~having a featured speaker~~).

~~((2))~~ (b) First aid, CPR or emergency related classes (~~7~~

~~(3) Viewing of educational video tapes not to exceed four credits).~~

~~((4))~~ (c) Self study through the use of multimedia devices. The required documentation for this activity is a letter or other documentation from the organization. A maximum of twelve hours is allowed per reporting period.

(d) Teaching a (~~seminar~~) course for the first time, not to exceed eight hours (~~7~~).

~~((5))~~ (e) Business and management courses not to exceed (~~six~~) eight hours (~~7~~).

~~((6))~~ (f) Specialized training in an (~~aspect~~) area of massage therapy. Training must be provided by an individual who has expertise in that area, (~~has been licensed in this state~~) for no less than three years, and who charges a fee (~~7~~

~~(7) Courses from a state, county, or city school or program or approved massage school, program, or apprenticeship trainer in massage therapy or related topics; or~~

~~(8) Training provided by a health care professional certified or licensed in their area of expertise).~~

(g) Distance learning is defined as any educational source outside the traditional brick and mortar setting such as, but not limited to, correspondence course, webinar, print, audio/video broadcasting, audio/video teleconferencing, computer aided instruction, e-learning/on-line-learning, computer

broadcasting/webcasting. A maximum of twelve hours is allowed per reporting period.

(h) Self study of publications, books and/or research materials, not to exceed two hours per reporting period. The required documentation for this activity is a two-page synopsis of what was learned written by the licensee.

NEW SECTION

**WAC 246-830-477 Inactive credential.** (1) A licensed massage practitioner may obtain an inactive credential. Refer to the requirements of RCW 18.108.XXX and chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(2) Licensed massage practitioners with an inactive credential for four years or less who wish to return to active status must meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(3) After five years of inactive status, licensed massage practitioners who wish to return to active status must:

(a) Successfully pass a Washington state approved licensure exam; and

(b) Complete twenty-four continuing education contact hours every two years as required by WAC 246-830-475; and

(c) Complete the requirements of RCW 18.108.XXX and chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(4) Licensed massage practitioners with an inactive credential for more than ten years must:

(a) Successfully pass a Washington state approved licensure exam; and

(b) Complete twenty-four continuing education contact hours every two years; and

(c) Successfully complete a refresher course by a Washington state board approved massage school or massage apprenticeship program of at least fifty hours.

(d) Complete the requirements of RCW 18.108.XXX and chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(5) Licensed massage practitioners with an inactive credential who have been in active practice in another United States jurisdiction, and who wish to return to active status must:

(a) Submit verification of active credential from any other United States jurisdiction; and

(b) Complete the requirements of RCW 18.108.XXX and chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.