

6E-1.003 Definition of Terms.

Terms used in these rules are defined in Section 1005.02, F.S. In addition, as used in the rules of the Commission, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) through (41) No change.

(42) ~~(42)~~ “Institutional Accreditation” means accredited status awarded to an institution by an accrediting agency or association that is recognized by the United States Department of Education as an institutional accrediting agency.

(43) ~~(42)~~ “Learning Agreement or Learning Contract” means a document drawn up between the instructor or the institution and the student(s), describing in detail the planned learning experiences that must be completed, the specific competencies to be mastered, and the evaluation methods to be used. An important characteristic of a learning agreement or learning contract is that it may be individualized to fit the needs of the student.

(44) ~~(43)~~ “Main Florida Headquarters” means the location designated by an out-of-state institution as its main administrative and academic center in Florida.

(45) ~~(44)~~ “Media and Computer Assisted Learning” means instruction through electronic information transfer, data processing, facsimile transmission, or through other technology.

(46) ~~(45)~~ “Minor Modification” means a change to programs and curricula intended to keep educational material up to date and relevant to the changing needs of employers, when such modifications affect less than 20 percent of the program or curriculum and do not change the purpose or direction of the program; or providing a previously approved program as contract training.

(47) ~~(46)~~ “Noncollegiate” or “Nondegree” describes a nonpublic career school licensed by the Commission to offer certificate or diploma programs as defined in Section 1005.02(16), F.S., or the certificate or diploma programs below the degree level offered by any institution under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

(48) ~~(47)~~ “Nontraditional Education” means any positive progress toward a credential that is earned through experiential means or distance education and approved by the faculty of the institution granting the credential, or other sources verified by the American Council on Education, or testing from recognized sources such as but not limited to the Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support (DANTES), Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC), or other sources deemed by the Commission to have similar quality controls.

(49) ~~(48)~~ “Occasional Elective Clinical Clerkship” means an elective course which does not exceed 6 weeks in length during the fourth year of medical school. “Occasional” in this context means no more than 3 students from

any one unlicensed foreign medical school in any calendar year, with each of the 3 students doing no more than 3 elective clerkships in Florida in any calendar year.

(50) ~~(49)~~ “On-line Courses” means courses taken by electronic means through the Internet or other similar delivery system.

(51) ~~(50)~~ Parent Medical Schools – The licensed foreign medical institution that is offering a clinical clerkship program at the Florida teaching hospital.

(52) “Prelicensure Professional Nursing Program” means a nursing education program that prepares a student for the practice of professional nursing by being qualified to apply for licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN). Examples include: Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN); Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN); Licensed Practical Nursing to Associate of Science in Nursing (LPN to ASN); Licensed Practical Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (LPN to BSN); and Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN). The Nursing Assistant, Practical Nursing (PN), and RN to BSN programs are not included within this definition.

(53) ~~(51)~~ “Program” means a prescribed group of courses, taken in the proper sequence to attain mastery of a body of knowledge or set of skills, and leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree.

(54) ~~(52)~~ “Quarter” means at least ten weeks of instruction and learning, or its equivalent as described below.

(55) ~~(53)~~ “Quarter Credit Hour” means either:

(a) through (b) No change.

(56) ~~(54)~~ “Semester” means at least fifteen weeks of instruction and learning, or its equivalent as described below.

(57) “Scope of Accreditation” means the range of activities for which an accrediting agency recognizes the institution. This includes any limits on the award of accreditation or range of accreditation; whether the accreditation is institutional; and whether one or more of its programs are programmatically accredited.

(58) ~~(55)~~ “Semester Credit Hour” means either:

(a) through (b) No change.

(59) ~~(56)~~ “Scholarship – a grant-in aid to a student.” The offer of a grant-in-aid to an enrolled student to offset partial or complete costs of a course, program, certificate or degree.

(60) ~~(57)~~ “Substantive Change” means any change of control, level of credentials offered, location, a change in the purpose of the institution that exceeds minor corrections or alterations, financial soundness, or accreditation. A

change of location includes any change of location that exceeds 45 miles. A change of accreditation includes change of accrediting agency, lowering the level of accreditation, exceeding the scope of the grant of accreditation or recognition of the agency, or any final action taken by the accrediting agency which places the accreditation of the institution in jeopardy. A substantive change also includes any change which the Commission determines is serious enough to affect the continued operation or stability of the institution, or the quality of the educational programs offered.

(61) ~~(58)~~ “Synchronous” means that students must participate, electronically or by other means, in a distance educational program simultaneously, regardless of time zones.

(62) ~~(59)~~ “Teaching Hospital” means a hospital having a residency program in a medical discipline accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association, or which is part of such a program through an affiliation approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association, or which has a written affiliation with an accredited United States Medical School to provide clinical training to its students; or an ambulatory care setting which is affiliated with a teaching hospital or an accredited United States Medical School for clinical teaching purposes.

(63) ~~(60)~~ “Transcript” means the form maintained by an institution on student academic information which minimally shall include the following:

(a) through (h) No change.

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