

**481—2040.1(272C,543D) Definitions.** For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Approved program*” means a continuing education program, course, or activity that satisfies the standards set forth in these rules and has received advance board approval pursuant to these rules.

“*Approved provider*” means a person or an organization that has been approved by the board to conduct continuing education programs pursuant to these rules.

“*Asynchronous*” means that the instructor and student interact in an educational offering in which the student progresses at the student’s own pace through structured course content and scheduled quizzes and examinations.

“*Board*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 543D.2(7).

“*Continuing education*” means education that is obtained by a person certified to practice real estate appraising in order to maintain, improve, or expand skills and knowledge obtained prior to initial certification or registration, or to develop new and relevant skills and knowledge, all as a condition of renewal.

“*Credit hour*” means the value assigned by the board, or the AQB, to a continuing or qualifying education program.

“*Distance education*” means any education process based on the geographical separation of student and instructor. “Distance education” includes asynchronous, synchronous, and hybrid educational offerings.

“*Guest speaker*” means an individual who teaches an appraisal education program on a one-time-only or very limited basis and who possesses a unique depth of knowledge and experience in the subject matter.

“*Hybrid*,” also known as a blended course, means a learning environment that allows for both in-person and online (synchronous or asynchronous) interaction.

“*Live instruction*” means an educational program delivered in a classroom setting where both the student and the instructor are present in the same room.

“*Qualifying education*” means education that is obtained by a person seeking certification as a real property appraiser prior to initial certification or registration.

“*Synchronous*” means that in an educational offering the instructor and student interact online simultaneously, as in a phone call, video chat or live webinar, or web-based meeting.

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