

**193F—11.6 (272C,543D) Acceptable distance education courses.** Distance education is an education process based on the geographical separation of student and instructor. A distance education course is acceptable to meet class hour requirements if:

**11.6(1)** The course provides interaction. Interaction is a reciprocal environment in which the student has verbal or written communication with the instructor; and

**11.6(2)** Content approval is obtained from the AQB, a state licensing jurisdiction, or an accredited college, community college, or university that offers distance education programs and is approved or accredited by the Commission on Colleges, a regional or national accreditation association, or by an accrediting agency that is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education. Nonacademic credit college courses provided by a college shall be approved by the AQB or the state licensing jurisdiction; and

**11.6(3)** Course delivery mechanism approval is obtained from one of the following sources:

- a.* AQB-approved organizations providing approval of course design and delivery; or
- b.* A college or university that qualifies for content approval pursuant to subrule 11.6(2) that awards academic credit for the distance education course; or
- c.* A qualifying college or university for content approval with a distance education delivery program that approves the course design and delivery that incorporate interactivity.

**11.6(4)** Distance education courses must include at least one of the following:

- a.* A written examination proctored by an official approved by the college or university, or by the sponsoring organization. The term “written” in this subrule refers to an examination that may be written on paper or administered electronically on a computer or other device. Oral examinations are not acceptable.
- b.* Successful completion of prescribed course mechanisms required to demonstrate knowledge of the subject matter.