

The Council has proposed the following revisions for Standard 3, Physical Facilities and Equipment (additions underscored, deletions ~~struck~~):

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All aspects of the physical facilities must provide an appropriate learning environment and safety of personnel and animals must be assured. Classrooms, teaching laboratories, teaching hospitals, which may include but are not limited to ambulatory/field service vehicles, seminar rooms, and other teaching spaces shall be clean, maintained in good repair, and adequate in number, size, and equipment for the instructional purposes intended and the number of students enrolled.

~~Administrative and faculty offices and research laboratories~~ Offices, workspaces, laboratories, toilets and locker rooms lavatories must be sufficient for the needs of the students, faculty and staff.

An accredited college must maintain an on-campus veterinary teaching hospital(s), or have formal affiliation with one or more off-campus veterinary hospitals or other training sites used for teaching. Appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic service components, including but not limited to pharmacy, diagnostic imaging, diagnostic support services, isolation facilities, intensive/critical care, ambulatory/field service vehicles, and necropsy facilities must be provided to support ~~the~~ all teaching hospital(s) or facilities that provide core-related coursework. ~~with~~ Operational policies and procedures must be posted in appropriate places. Standards related to providing an adequate teaching environment and safety of personnel and animals shall apply to all teaching hospitals and training sites.

Facilities for the housing of animals used for teaching and research shall be sufficient in number, properly constructed, and maintained in a manner consistent with accepted animal welfare standards. Adequate teaching, laboratory, research, and clinical equipment must be available for examination, diagnosis, and treatment of all animals used by the college.

Proposed Change(s) to Self-Study Requirements (additions underscored, deletions ~~struck~~) None

- 12.3.1. Provide a brief description of the major functions of, or activities that take place in the facilities used by the college in fulfilling its mission.
- 12.3.2. Provide an area map that indicates the principal facilities of the college and describe distance and travel time to off-campus facilities.
- 12.3.3. Describe the college's safety plan and facilities management plan for all training sites, including mechanisms documenting compliance.
- 12.3.4. Describe the adequacy (pertains to all facilities used by the college whether on-campus or off-campus).
- 12.3.5. For safety and educational purposes, protocols must be posted in the isolation facilities and the facilities must be used for instruction in isolation procedures (biocontainment).
- 12.3.6. Describe current plans for improvement.

Rationale for Proposed Change(s)

Recognizing a greater reliance on distributive models, the standard has been broadened to be more inclusive of distributive teaching and training sites. Core teaching sites should meet the same standards, whether on- campus or off. The P&P does specify the requirements of distributive sites, but we believe it should be clearly stated in the Standard and Self-study requirements.