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4 **DISTRIBUTED EDUCATION**
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6 Definition: Distributed Education means instruction in which the instructor and student are
7 separated by distance and interact through the assistance of communication technology.

8 Course Approval: Each proposed or existing course offered by distributed education shall be
9 reviewed and approved separately. Separate approval is mandatory if any portion of the
10 instruction in a course or a course section is designed to be provided through distributed
11 education.

12 The review and approval of new and existing distributed education courses shall follow the
13 curriculum approval procedures outlined in Administrative Regulation 4020, Program and
14 Curriculum Development. Distributed education courses shall be approved under the same
15 conditions and criteria as all other courses.

16 Certification: When approving distributed education courses, the Board will certify the following:

17 Course Quality Standards: The same standards of course quality are applied to the
18 distributed education courses as are applied to traditional classroom courses.

19 Course Quality Determinations: Determinations and judgments about the quality of the
20 distributed education course were made with the full involvement of the curriculum committee
21 approval procedures.

22 Instructor Contact: Each section of the course that is delivered through distributed
23 education will include regular effective contact between instructor and students.

24 Duration of Approval: All distributed education courses approved under this procedure will
25 continue to be in effect unless there are substantive changes of the course outline.
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47 Reference:
48 Title 5, Section 55200 et seq.

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