1. Faculty who wish to establish an additional Faculty Service Area (FSA) must meet the minimum qualifications for the discipline as stated, or request equivalency. It is the faculty member's responsibility to provide conclusive evidence to support his/her request (official transcripts, credentials, licenses, certificates, employer attestations, publications, etc.) to support the equivalency request.

CHAPTER 3: Certificated Personnel ADMINISTRATIVE Procedure NO. 3.. 15.205.1 3.16.1(AP 7211)

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE San Mateo County Community College District

Subject: 3.15.2 3.16.13.05.1-Minimum Qualifications, Faculty Service Areas and Minimum Qualifications and Equivalency to Minimum Qualifications
Revision Date: February 15, 2017-9/11 4/8
References:Ed Code 87355, 87356, 87357, 87358, 87359(b), 87659, 87743.1-87743.5
Procedures for verifying faculty qualifications, equivalency process and process
for being placed in additional faculty service areas (FSAs):
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I. Faculty Qualifications:

PROCEDURE for Equivalence to Minimum Qualifications:
2. All applicants for part-time and full- time APPLIGANTS FOR FACUTTY; FULTTIME and PART TIMAE

IENURE TRACK AND-TEMPORARY-FACULTY POSITIONS must meet the minimum
qualifications for the discipline as stated, or request equivalency. It is the applicant's
responsibility to apply for equivalency. The applicant applying for equivalency must provide conclusive evidence to support his/her request (official transcripts, credentials, licenses, certificates, employer attestations, publications, etc.), which will validateto support the equivalency request.
a) The chair of the faculty selection sereening committee will request a Faculty Qualification Committee as necessary
b) The equivalency to minimum qualifications process should take place in a timely manner, no later than two weeks from submission date of the equivalency application
3. The equivalency to minimum qualifications application form is attached to this procedure and is included in the online application for employment. Human Resources prepares the application in consultation with the Academic Senate.
II. Process for establishing equivalency:

1. The application for employment includes questions to applicants about whether they possess the minimum qualifications as specified in the Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in Galifornia Community Colleges, and, if not, whether they wish to apply for equivalency.
 must provide conlusive evidence to suppor his/her request (official transcripts, eredentials,
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2. All equivalency requests are reviewed by The Faculty Qualifications Committee. The committee shall be composed of Faculty Qualification Committee shall-consist of three full-time-faculty discipline

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experts representing the three colleges in the district. In addition, a dean from the relevant discipline other than the applicant's home campus, and has will serve as a non-voting member to the primary responsibility to oversee the process-and is not a voting member. In the case, where there are insufficient full-time faculty discipline experts the Academic Senate President has the right to appoint a part-time faculty to serve on the committee as long as they hold the minimum qualifications. If there are cases where there is no full-timeare no faculty that possess the minimum qualifications then-the Academic Senate President shall seek outside faculty discipline experts from another Community College.
the academic members of the hiring committee (always approved by the college's Academic Senate and the dean of the division. The screening Faculty Qualifications committee must includes at least three full time faculty members currently qualified meeting the minimum qualifications in the discipline subject area of the position to be filled [see Faculty Qualification-Guidelines].
=a) The Faculty qualifications committees evaluate minimum qualifications of individuals based on the Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges. This equivalency process is intended neither to raise nor to lower standards from the minimum qualifications established for a position, nor is it intended to grant waivers in lieu of required qualifications. If a unanimous decision cannot be reached the equivalency is not granted. Where San Mateo County Community College District standards are higher than the state minimum qualifications, those local qualifications shall prevail. Faculty Qualifications Committee meetings shall be closed and confidential.
b) The written recommendation of the Faculty Qualifications Committee will be forwarded to the appropriate college vice president who will, with the Academic Senate president, make a recommendation to the college president. Upon concurrence of the college president, the equivalence recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for consideration. A copy of the Board action will be placed in the employee's personnel file.
c) APPEAL PROCESS:

If an applicant for equivalency disagrees with the decision, the applicant may appeal, by submitting new 4 written documentation or clarification, to the Academic Senate president. This appeal-must-be submitted within ten working days after the applicant has received notification of the-committee's decision. The applicant must submit a written statement and evidence explaining new material to the Faculty Qualifications committee. The committee will deliberate again privately, and the committee's decision shall be final. If a unanimous decision cannot be reached, the equivalency is not granted. The Academic Senate president will provide a written-response- to theto, applicantthe andapplicant, theand appeatthe processappeal process ends.
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0 - The application-cover sheet will-include the names-of committee members (faculty discipline experts-and-dean) and the vote-count of any-action. The vote-count will be from

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ONLY the three-full-time-faculty-committee-members. The-Dean's primary responsibility-is to-oversee the procedure-and is a non-woting member.
$\theta$-Faculty Qualifications-Committee shall meet in order to facilitate any necessary discussion of academic qualifications.
$\theta$ - Faculty-Qualifications-Commitee-meetings-shall-be-closed-and-confidential.

## 3. APPLIGANTSFOR-PART-TIMEFACULY POSITIONS

The application for employment includes questions to applicants about whether they possess the minimum qualifications-as specified in the Minimum-Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California-Community Colleges, and, if not, whether they wish to apply for equivalency. It is the applicant's responsibility to apply for equivalency. The applicant applying for equivalency must provide-conclusive-evidence-to-support his/her request (official transcripts, credentials, licenses, certificates, employer attestations, publications, etc.), which-will validate the-equivalency request.

The-Faculty Qualifications-Committee-shall-be-composed of the academic members (always approved by the-college's-Academic Senatel and the appropriate-dean. The Faculty Qualification-Committee-must include three-full time-discipline-experts fone-from-each college) in the same-discipline-to-serve-on the review board. See-section-7. Faculty Qualification Committee Guidelines. The Faculty Qualifications committee evaluates the minimum-qualification of individuals based on the Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California-Community Colleges.

This equivalency process is intended neither to raise nor to-lower standards from-the minimum-qualifications established for a position, nor is it intended to grant waivers in lieu of required qualifications. Where San Mateo-County Community College District standards are-higher than the-state-minimum-qualifications, those-local-qualifications-shall prevail. The written recommendation of this-Faculty Qualifications-Committee will be-forwarded to the college vice president who will, with the Academic Senate president, make a recommendation to the-college-president. Upon-concurrence-of the-college president, the equivalence-recommendation-will-be-forwarded to the-Board-of Trustees-for consideration A copy of the-Board action-will be-placed in the-employee's personnel file-
4. CURRENT EMPLOYEES

Current faculty will apply for equivalence by filing an "Employee Application for Equivalence to-Minimum-Qualifications" form-with the-appropriate-college-vice-president. The-Vice President, in consultation with the-Academic Senate president, will identify three-full time discipline-experts (one-from-each-college) in the same-discipline to-serve-on the-Faculty Qualification-committee. These-discipline-experts-will be-faculty members representing the three-colleges in the-district. The-review-committee-will-include-the-dean-of the-relevant discipline from other than the faculty member's home campus, and has the primary responsibility to-oversee the process-and is not a voting member.

1. Degree-Equivalence
a.-The employee or applicant possesses a-degree(s) with similar content to those listed
for the relevant discipline. The name-of the-degree-is close to that specified on the Disciplines-List but the-degree-either has-a-different title-or area-of expertise-or the coursework is slightly different.
2. Academic Background Equivalence
a. Related to-disciplines in which-a-Master's-degree is not generally expected-or available. The-employee-or applicant must have-completed at least 24 semester units of coursework in the-academic field and must possess-at least the equivalent level of achievement and the equivalent in breadth, depth of understanding, and rigor in each of the following:
i. a broad-cultural education usually met by the general education requirements for any Bachelor's or Associate's degree, and ii. a-detailed study of the discipline-in breadth, depth, and rigor, usually met by course work required for the-degree-major.
3.-Professional Achievement Equivalence

The employee-or applicant must have-completed the-General Education requirements for that degree and show evidence-of outstanding professional achievement and/or substantial training in the requested field. The-employee-or applicant must submit substantial evidence, which demonstrates that his/her preparation, teaching experience, work-experience, and ability-are-equivalent to those-expected-from-a-person who-meets the minimum-qualifications.

EXAMPLES: EQUVALENGY TO-MINIMUMQUALIFICATIONS EXAMPLES
Examples for of Degree-Equivalence academic equivalents to degrees might include:

- Degree Education Equivalent to the-Master's degree:

0 Master's-degree-in-a-related discipline-as-identified in the-Disciplines List, including 18 semester units of upper division and/or graduate-work in the-discipline;

- Degree Education-Equivalent to the Bachelor's degree:

0 At least 120 semester units, including 18 semester units representing a diversity of courses generally accepted as general education and, for disciplines that require a Master's degree, 30 -units in the discipline, of which 24 are upper--division-or graduate units.

- Degree Education Equivalent to the Associate degree:

0 - At least 60 semester units, including 18 semester units representing a diversity-of courses generally accepted as general education.

Examples for of Academic Background Equivalence academic equivalents to degrees might include:

- Academic Education Equivalent to the Master's-degree:

0 - Master's degree in a-related-discipline as identified in the-Disciplines List, including 18 semester units of upper division-and/or graduate work in the-discipline;

- Academic Education Equivalent to the Bachelor's degree:
$\theta$-At least 120 semester units, including 18 semester units representing a-diversity-of
courses generally accepted as general-education-and, for disciplines that require-a-Master's degree, 30 -units in the discipline, of which 24 are upper-edivision-or graduate units,
- Academic Education Equivalent to the Associate degree:

0 At least 60 -semester units, including 18 -semester units-representing a diversity of courses-generally accepted-as general-education.

Examples for of Professional Achievement Equivalence-required experience-might include:

- Professional Achievement: To establish equivalency to minimum-qualification, candidates-should show possession-of thorough and-broad-skills-and-knowledge-for each of the-following:
0 - Mastery of the skills of the vocation thorough enough for the specific assignment and broad enough to serve-as a basis-for teaching the-other courses in the discipline;
0 Extensive and diverse knowledge of the working environment of the vocation;
$\theta$ - Completion-of general education requirement

The application cover sheet will include the names of the faculty committee members, dean and the vote-count of any action. The vote count will come from the Faculty Qualifications committee(three-full time-faculty-discipline experts-only). The-dean has the primary responsibility to oversee the process and is not a voting member. If equivalency is denied, rationale-for the-decision should berecorded on the-cover sheet. If an applicant does not meet equivalency, his or her application shall be returned to the Vice President and Academic Senate-President for review before-returning to-Human-Resources.

- A quorum of the-Faculty Qualifications-committee-determining equivalency shall-be three full time faculty discipline experts (one from each college). A full time faculty discipline expert will-chair the committee from the submitting applicant's campus. The dean has the primary responsibility to-oversee the process and is not a voting member.
- Faculty Qualifications committee shall meet in order to facilitate any necessary discussion of academic qualifications.
- Faculty Qualifications-committee meetings shall be-closed and-confidential.
- The equivalency process is intended neither to-raise-nor to-lower standards from the minimum qualifications established for a position, nor is it intended to grant waivers in lieu-of required qualifications.
- The equivalency to minimum-qualifications application-form is attached to this process and is included in the online application for employment. Human Resources prepares the application in-consultation with the-Academic Senate-
- The-equivalency to minimum-qualifications process should take place in a timely manner, no-later than two-weeks-from-submission-date-of the equivalency application-





 shall be final. If a unanimous decision gannot be reached, the equivalengy is not granted. The Academic Semate president will provide writen response to the applicant and the appeal processends.


## 8. FACULTY QUALIFIGATIONGOMAMITTEE GUDELUNES: Moved to \#2

1. Faculty Qualification Committee shall consist of three full-time faculty discipline experts representing the three colleges in the district. In addition, a dean from the relevant discipline other than the applicants home campus, and has the primary responsibility to oversee the process and is not a voting member. In the case, where there are insufficient full-time faculty discipline experts the Academic Senate President has the right to appoint a part---time faculty to serve on the committee as long as they hold the minimum qualifications. If there are cases where there is no full--time faculty that posses the minimum qualifications, then the Academic Senate President shall seek outside faculty discipline expert from another Community College.
2. The application cover sheet will include the names of committee members (faculty discipline experts and dean) and the vote-count of any action. The vote-count will be from ONLY the three full--time faculty committee members. The Dean's primary responsibility is to oversee the procedure and is a non--voting member.
3. If the FSA is denied, the rationale for the decision must be recorded on the cover sheet. If an applicant does not meet the FSA, his or her application shall be returned to the appropriate Vice President (VPI or VPSS) for review with the Academic Senate president
4. A quorum of the Faculty Qualifications Committee determining FSA shall be three full--time faculty members-one faculty from each college. A faculty discipline expert from the submitting college will chair the committee.
5. Faculty Qualifications Committee shall meet in order to facilitate any necessary discussion of academic qualifications.
6. Faculty Qualifications Committee meetings shall be closed and confidential.
7.-The FSA process is intended neither to raise nor to lower standards from the minimum qualifications established for a position, nor is it intended to grant waivers in lieu of required qualifications.
7. The FSA application form is attached to this process and is included online at the DAS and Human \& Resources websites. Current employees will submit FSA application directly to the appropriate Vice President (VPI or VPSS).
9.-The FSA review process should take place in a timely manner, no longer than two weeks from date 4 of submission.

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## APPLICATION FOR EQUIVALENCE OF TO MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS ONLY

## PART I:

Completed by the applicant or current employee
Name (print):

Division/Dept: $\qquad$
Current teaching discipline or non-instructional academic service:


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## [] Degree Equivalence

The employee or applicant possesses a degree(s) with similar content to those listed for the relevant discipline. The name of the degree is close to that specified on the Disciplines List, but the degree either has a different title or area of expertise or the coursework is slightly different.

## 1] Academic Background Equivalence

Related to disciplines in which a Master's degree is not generally expected or available. The employee or applicant must have completed at least 24 semester units of coursework in the academic field and must possess at least the equivalent level of achievement and the equivalent in breadth, depth of understanding, and rigor in each of the following:

1. a broad cultural education usually met by the general education requirements for any Bachelor's or Associate's degree, and
2. a detailed study of the discipline in breadth, depth, and rigor, usually met by course work required for the degree major.

## 7. Professional Achievement Equivalence

The employee or applicant must have completed the General Education requirements for that degree; and show outstanding professional achievement or substantial training in the
requested field and must submit substantial evidence which demonstrates that his/her preparation, experience, and ability are equivalent to those expected from a person who meets the minimum qualifications.

I understand that administrative and Academic Senate representatives, as well as the appropriate college Vice President, pursuant to current District procedures will review this Application for Equivalence. I understand that their recommendation will be forwarded to the College President for review, and if approved, will be forwarded to the Office of Human Resources for approval by the Board of Trustees.

## Applicant/Employee

Signature:
Date:

## PART II:

Completed by the Faculty Qualification Committee, Chair and forwarded to the College Academic Senate President and College Vice President, accompanied by supporting documents

Faculty Qualification Committee Members:

1. Faculty Chair:
College
2. Faculty

College
3. Faculty

College
4. Dean *

## *Non Voting Member

Equivalency to Minimum Qualifications for the discipline of
Vote Count: (Faculty Qualification Committee Members ONLY, does not include the Dean)


Signature acknowledges process has been followed
Signature: Faculty Qualifications Committee


Faculty College
$\qquad$
Date
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Date
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Date


## PART III:

Completed by the College Academic Senate President and appropriate Vice President and forwarded to the College President for recommendation, accompanied by supporting documents.

Equivalence to minimum qualifications for the above---listed discipline(s)

## Approved Not Approved

If denied, rationale is as follows: (Attach additional sheets if needed)


## PART IV:

Completed by the College President and forwarded to the Office of Human Resources, accompanied by supporting documents

Equivalence to minimum qualifications for the above---listed discipline(s)

Approved
Not Approved


# APPLICATION FOR FACULTY SERVICE AREA (FSA) 

## FOR-ACADEMIC POSITIONS-ONLY

## PART I:

Completed by Applicant/Gurrent Employee

Date:


In accordance with the provisions of Education Code Sections - 87743.1 through -87743.5, and the District policies/procedures/requirements for Faculty Service Areas (FSA's), I certify that my educational background, experience, and other qualifications are equivalent to the minimum qualification discipline list. [AFT Article 20.1: Faculty Service Area (FSA)]

Hereby apply for the following FSA:

In the spaces provided below, please indicate the information, which you believe, qualifies you for the requested FSA: (Attach additional supporting documentation as may be required to verify your qualifications)

1. Disciplines
A. Disciplines requiring a Master's Degree, 1 possess the following degrees and eertification/licenses (if applicable):
i.-Degree: Date:
ii. Certification/License: Date:
B. Disciplines requiring a Bacholor's-Degree-and two years of full time (or part time equivalent) related experience, 1 possess the following degrees, experience and certification/licenses (if applicable)
i.-Degree: Date:

C. Disciplines requiring an Associate's Degree-and six years of full time for part time equivalent) related experience, I possess the following degrees, experience and certification/licenses (if applicable)

2.-Professional and/or Vocational Experience: (Attach additional-info if needed)

2. Other Qualifying Information: (Attach additional info if needed)


Hereby certify that all statements herein are true and factual to the best of my knowledge. 1 understand that this application is subject to review and evaluation through established District procedures, and that the burden of proof for verifying that I meet any and all qualification standards required for the requested FSA rests solely with me as the applicant.

Hunderstand this FSA application will be reviewed by the Faculty Qualification committee and College Academic Senate-President, as well as the appropriate Vice President pursuant to current District procedures. I understand that their recommendation will be forwarded to the College President for review, and if approved, will be forwarded to the Office of Human Resources for approval by the Board of Trustees
$\overline{\text { Applicant Signature }} \overline{\text { Date }}$

An FSA application must be received in the appropriate Vide President's Office on-or before February-15 in order to be considered as a basis for reassignment in the event of reductions in force, program discontinuance, and/or lack of funding pursuant to the provisions of Education-Code, during the academic year in which the application is received.


SUAMAARY OF ACTIONS-ON APPLICATION-FOR-FACULTY SERVICE AREA

PARTH:
Completed by appropriate college Vice-President and President, Academic Senate

VP-Office-Action:-FSA application is received and forwarded to Academic Senate for further review and action

Date:

Signature:

Vice President College
Actedemic Senate Action: FSA application is referred to the Faculty Qualification Committee for further review and action.

Date:

Signature:


## PART III:

Completed by Faculty Qualifications Committee
Faculty Qualifications Committee Action:

Date of Action:

Vote Count: (Faculty Qualification Committee Members-ONLY, Does not include the Dean)


Upon-completion, Faculty Qualifications-Committee-Chair returns completed-form(s) to the appropriate-VP-office

## PART IV:

Vice President and Academic Senate Action:
FSA Approved $=$ FSA Not Approved

This step is required only if the FSA application is approved by the Faculty Qualifications Committee.
If denied, rationale is as follows: (Attach additional sheets if needed)


## PART V:

## President Action:

- FSA Approved
- FSA Not Approved

This step is required only if the FSA application is approved by the Faculty Qualifications Committee.
If denied, rationale is as follows: (Attach additional sheets if needed)


SMCCD District Academic Senate: 09/14/15 Ist Read
Date Vetted/Approved: Cañada College XXX
Date Vetted/Approved: College of San Mateo College XXX
Date Vetted/Approved: Skyline College XXX
Approved by SMCCD District Academic Senate: XXX



[^0]:    I am attaching supporting materials, such as official transcripts, credentials, licenses, certificates, employer attestations, publications, etc., which validate the following assertion(s): (check one all that apply)

