

**Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges
Revisions to the Title 5 Regulations:
California Community Colleges Employees' Minimum Qualifications**

1. Section 53407 of article 1 of subchapter 4 of chapter 4 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended to read:

§ 53407. Disciplines Lists.

(a) The Board of Governors hereby adopts and incorporates by reference into this provision the ~~two~~ lists published by the Chancellor's Office, entitled "Disciplines Requiring the Master's Degree," ~~and~~ "Disciplines in which the Master's Degree is not Generally Expected or Available, but which require a Bachelor's Degree" and "Disciplines in which the Master's Degree is not Generally Available" as adopted by the Board at its ~~September 2005~~ May 2009 meeting, for the following purposes:

(1) to establish a working definition of the term "discipline" as used in section 53410;

(2) to define which disciplines are "reasonably related" to one another, for purposes of section 53410;

(3) to define disciplines in which the master's degree is required, for purposes of section 53410;

~~(3)-(4)~~ (4) to define disciplines in which the master's degree is not generally expected or available, as opposed to those for which the master's degree is required, but in which a bachelor's or associate degree in the discipline directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment is expected or available, for purposes of section 53410;

(5) to define disciplines in which the master's degree is not generally expected or available, and in which a bachelor's or associate degree in the discipline directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment is not expected or available, for purposes of section 53410.

(b) Revisions after ~~September 2005~~ May 2009 to the ~~two~~ lists referenced in subdivision (a) shall be considered incorporated by reference into this provision when they have been adopted by the Board.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 70901, 87356 and 87357, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901(b)(1)(B), 87356 and 87357, Education Code.

2. Section 53410 of article 2 of subchapter 4 of chapter 4 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended to read:

§ 53410. Minimum Qualifications for Instructors of Credit Courses, Counselors, and Librarians.

The minimum qualifications for service as a community college faculty member teaching any credit course, or as a counselor or librarian, shall be satisfied by meeting any one of the following requirements:

(a) Possession of a master's degree, or equivalent foreign degree, in the discipline of the faculty member's assignment.

(b) Possession of a master's degree, or equivalent foreign degree, in a discipline reasonably related to the faculty member's assignment and possession of a bachelor's degree, or equivalent foreign degree, in the discipline of the faculty member's assignment.

(c) For faculty assigned to teach courses in disciplines where the master's degree is not generally expected or available, ~~which are, generally, disciplines in specialized technical, trade, or industrial fields,~~ either of the following:

~~—(1) Possession of a bachelor's degree, or equivalent foreign degree, plus two years of professional experience directly related to the faculty member's assignment; or~~

~~—(2) Possession of an associate degree, or equivalent foreign degree, plus six years of professional experience directly related to the faculty member's assignment.~~

but where a related bachelor's or associate degree is generally expected or available, possession of either:

(1) a bachelor's degree in the discipline directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment or equivalent foreign degree plus two years of professional experience directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment; or

(2) an associate degree in the discipline directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment or equivalent foreign degree plus six years of professional experience directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment.

(d) For faculty assigned to teach courses in disciplines where the master's degree is not generally expected or available, and where a related bachelor's or associate degree is not generally expected or available, possession of either:

(1) any bachelor's degree or equivalent foreign degree plus two years of professional experience directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment; or

(2) any associate degree or equivalent foreign degree plus six years of professional experience directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700, 70901 and 87356, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901(b)(1)(B), 87003, and 87356, Education Code.