

Faculty Credentialing Manual 2025-2026

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The purpose of this manual is to provide technical and procedural guidelines and clarification for individuals responsible for faculty selection and credentialing accurately and consistently.

Introduction

Overview

The mission of Florida Gateway College (FGC) is to provide superior instruction, nurture individual development, foster career readiness, and enrich the diverse community it serves through affordable, quality higher education programs and lifelong learning opportunities. To maintain the level of superior instruction, the College must ensure that all faculty members are properly qualified to teach their assigned classes.

This manual is designed to establish the process for determining faculty credentials as identified and required by SACSCOC in *Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement* (2024) and the process for evaluating transcripts and alternative credentialing. Moreover, this manual provides a descriptive listing of credentialing requirements for all disciplines, programs, and courses offered at FGC.

Qualified Faculty

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is Florida Gateway College's regional accrediting body. In this role, SACSCOC requires the college to document the faculty credentialing process and justify the qualifications for all faculty members. Section 6 of The Principles of Accreditation stipulates:

"Qualified, effective faculty members are essential to carry out the mission of the institution and to ensure the quality and integrity of its academic program. The tradition of shared governance within American higher education recognizes the importance of both faculty and administrative involvement in the approval of educational programs. Because student learning is central to the institution's mission and educational degrees, the faculty has responsibility for directing the learning enterprise including overseeing and coordinating educational programs to ensure that each contains essential curricular components, has appropriate content and pedagogy, and maintains discipline currency.

Achievement of the institution's mission with respect to teaching, research, and service requires a critical mass of full-time qualified faculty to provide direction and oversight of the academic programs. Due to this significant role, it is imperative that an effective system of evaluation be in place for all faculty members that takes into account the institution's obligations to foster intellectual freedom of faculty to teach, serve, research, and publish" (SACSCOC, 2024, p. 17).

Moreover, Standard 6.2(a) reads "It is the institution's obligation to justify and document the qualifications of its faculty" (SACSCOC, 2024, pg. 17)

In maintaining compliance with SACSCOC Standard 6.2(a), following the Florida College System's Guidelines on Transfer Agreements and Faculty Credentials and Qualifications (Florida Department of Education, FLDOE, 2021), and any additional requirements imposed by other accrediting bodies, FGC employs competent faculty members who possess the necessary credentials.

SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation

Section 6: Faculty

- 1. The institution employs a sufficient number of full-time faculty members to support the mission and goals of the institution. (Full-time faculty) [CR]
- 2. For each of its educational programs, the institution
 - a. justifies and documents the qualifications of its faculty members. (Faculty qualifications)
 - b. employs a sufficient number of full-time faculty members to ensure curriculum and program quality, integrity, and review. (*Program faculty*)
 - c. assigns appropriate responsibility for program coordination. (Program coordination)
- 3. The institution publishes and implements policies regarding the appointment, employment, and regular evaluation of faculty members, regardless of contract or tenure status. (Faculty employment and evaluation)

- 4. The institution publishes and implements appropriate policies and procedures for preserving and protecting academic freedom. (Academic freedom)
- 5. The institution provides ongoing professional development opportunities for faculty members as teachers, scholars, and practitioners, consistent with the institutional mission. (*Faculty development*) (SACSCOC, 2024, pgs. 17-8)

Faculty Credentials Review Guidelines

Florida Gateway College complies with SACSCOC requirements to employ an adequate number of full-time faculty members to support the mission and goals of the College. Additionally, for each of its educational programs, the institution justifies and documents the qualifications of its faculty members.

To ensure faculty credentials are up to date, each department or program head is responsible for ensuring credentials are updated. The applicable Dean's Office (Academic Affairs, Workforce, Nursing, and Teaching) validates the credentials by pulling the data and reviewing faculty credentials for their specific area. Data is pulled from Xitracs by the appropriate Dean's Office each spring to review faculty credentials for each area.

Any proposed revisions to faculty credentials will be communicated by the appropriate faculty coordinator to the Dean's Office.

Process Flow for Establishing Faculty Credentials

- 1. During the interview process, team members or the appropriate faculty coordinator/administrator will review applicants' transcripts. A copy of the transcripts are retained for credentialing purposes.
- 2. Upon hiring the applicant and a College-Wide Identifier (CWID) is provided, all transcripts, licenses, resume/CV, and other documents will be uploaded to the instructor's profile by Human Resources. The Dean's Office for the appropriate area (Academic Affairs, Workforce, Nursing, and Teaching) will enter the new faculty member into Xitracs and create a profile (Appendix A).
- 3. The Dean's Office for the appropriate area will generate a credentials document in Xitracs and will use the qualifications information when assigning the instructor to courses.
- 4. The Institutional Effectiveness Department uploads all courses for the term into Xitracs. The Dean's Office for the appropriate area (Academic Affairs, Workforce, Nursing, and Teaching) will review the assigned courses each term to ensure that the instructor is qualified to teach them.

Faculty credentials must be completed and kept current for all teaching faculty. See Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) for additional information (Appendix B).

Transcripts

For Transcripts to be official, they must be mailed directly from the College/University to FGC Human Resources. Please have the College/University mail the official transcripts to this address:

Florida Gateway College Attention: Human Resources 149 SE College Place Lake City, FL 32025

Regionally Accredited Institutions

FGC generally accepts degrees and coursework from a regionally accredited institution. Here is a list of the regionally accrediting bodies:

- Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE)
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
- Accrediting Commission for Community Colleges and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)
- WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)

For institutions accredited by bodies not on this list, acceptance will be considered on a case-bycase basis with a final decision by the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Verifying Accreditation Status

To check for Regional Accreditation, use the *Council for Higher Education Accreditation* (*CHEA*) website, www.chea.org. To access the accreditation information of an institution:

- 1. Open the link
- 2. Click on Browse Directories
- 3. Click on Database of Institutions and Programs Accredited by Recognized U.S. Accrediting Organizations
- 4. Select "I Agree" to terms and conditions
- 5. Click on Search Institutions
- 6. Find and click on the school
- 7. Print the CHEA page

Reviewing Transcripts

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Profile Setup:

- When setting up the instructor profile, all degrees earned should be included, even if outside the teaching discipline.
- Specific coursework from a degree should only be included if the proposed teaching discipline and degree are not the same.
- Many disciplines require at least 18 graduate hours, so list the 18 credit hours that provide the most justification of the credential. Do <u>not</u> list every relevant course in the transcripts.
- Dates are important in all cases. Graduation years need to be included for all degrees.

Credential Certificate Creation:

- If an instructor has a degree in the field for which the certificate is being created (i.e. PhD in English, MS in mathematics), the degree should speak for itself, and <u>no coursework</u> needs to be described.
- If an instructor has a degree in a field that is not the same as credential certificate (i.e. PhD in physics but credential certificate is in mathematics), include coursework relevant to the teaching discipline that was earned in the degree as justification for why they are teaching outside their graduate discipline. Attached coursework must be initially added to the instructor profile in the comment field for the degree for which this coursework was completed. If coursework is completed outside of a formal degree, it should be included in the "Experience and other qualifications" section.
- The <u>highest degree</u> awarded relevant to the teaching discipline is the only transcript that must be uploaded to the instructor's profile. For example, if an instructor teaching mathematics has a PhD in mathematics, his or her masters, bachelors, and associates degrees should not be uploaded to the profile.
- If there is any doubt about whether the degree justifies the teaching credential, include coursework and additional degrees.

QUARTER TO SEMESTER HOURS

• If a graduate transcript has quarter hours, any coursework must be converted into semester hours. The formula for converting quarter hours to semester hours is

1 quarter hour = 0.67 semester hours

Example: An individual possesses a master's degree with 13 graduate semester hours in the discipline, and a second transcript from another accredited institution with 8 graduate quarter hours in the discipline.

- 1. Convert the quarter hours to semester hours: $8 \text{ quarter hours} \times 0.67 = 5.36 \text{ semester hours}$
- 2. Total the semester hours: 13 semester hours + 5.36 semester hours = 18.36 total semester hours

Alternative Credentialing

In certain situations, faculty not meeting the stated criteria may be considered for hire as exceptions to the SACSCOC guidelines and standards. The college will proceed with alternative credentialing methods in lieu of educational preparation under the guidance of the Florida College System's *Guidelines on Transfer Agreements and Faculty Credentials and Qualifications* (FLDOE, 2021).

CASES FOR EXCEPTION

- The faculty member has outstanding professional experience and demonstrated contributions to the teaching discipline, which may be presented in lieu of formal academic preparation.
- The faculty member has training in a closely related discipline, and the competencies needed to teach the course objectives were covered in training for the related discipline.

ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION

- Recognition in journals, online sources, or textbooks on the discipline
- Certification of participation in training
- Certification in field
- Professional presentations
- Professional registry
- Apprenticeship
- Honors and awards directly related to the discipline
- Appearance on programs reflecting work in the discipline
- Letters of support from past employers, colleagues, etc. on business stationery that speak directly to work in the discipline
- Evidence of continuous excellence in teaching.
- Other discipline-related documentation that demonstrates third party recognition of the applicant's expertise in the field.

PROCESS

- Once a decision to use an alternative credential is made, written explanation(s) must be submitted within the instructor profile to justify instructor qualifications.
 - Use the "<u>Experience and other qualifications</u>" field within the instructor profile for any pertinent professional experience. Examples include letters from former supervisors and/or colleagues attesting to experience in the discipline related field, honors and awards received, and apprenticeships.
 - Use the "<u>Certifications & Licensures</u>" field within the instructor profile for any pertinent professional licenses or certifications. Award and expiration dates should be included for all licenses and certifications.
 - Use the "<u>Experience and other qualifications</u>" field within the instructor profile for any professional presentations or publications related to the discipline, appearances on programs related to the discipline, and recognition in textbooks or by a third-party. Dates and citations should be included where appropriate. Additionally, any exceptions related to coursework should be included in this area. All additional forms of justification should be included in this field.
- To provide documentation, upload the appropriate documents into the documents field within the instructor profile. The following should be included:
 - Licenses and certifications
 - o All letters sent regarding the faculty member
- Alternative credentials should be reviewed by the originating department <u>annually</u> to ensure licenses/certifications are still valid, and professional information is kept up to date. The Department of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment will generate qualification reports for each program in January of each year.

INTERNATIONAL DEGREES

Faculty with international degrees must have their coursework evaluated for U.S. equivalency. FGC requires all international degrees to be evaluated by a company affiliated with the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). To determine if an evaluator is a member of NACES, please visit www.naces.org. In addition to advisory statements on the educational equivalence of degrees earned at a foreign institution, the transcript evaluation should be course by course. Payment for the cost of the review will be the responsibility of the applicant. See Appendix C for a list of foreign credentialing evaluation services and other helpful websites.

GRADUATE HOURS

• Undergraduate hours earned as an undergraduate or graduate student cannot count towards graduate hours in the discipline.

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Graduate courses taken that are described as eligible for counting towards a bachelor's
degree or graduate degree may be counted if the course is taken after admission into a
graduate program AND if they are counted towards the graduate degree in the
appropriate discipline.

Course Options

The table below categorizes courses into four options. The general qualifications are described, however for specific degree requirements in a discipline, see the faculty qualifications document. The options below adhere to the Florida College System's *Guidelines on Transfer Agreements and Faculty Credentials and Qualifications* (FLDOE, 2021).

Option	Description	*Course
Number		Type
1	Transferable College Credit Courses (Bachelor's, A.A., &	UT
	transferable A.S. courses)	
	Master's degree or higher in the teaching discipline or a master's	
	degree or higher with a concentration in the teaching discipline	
	(minimum of 18 graduate semester hours)	
2	A.S. Degree College Credit Courses – (Courses not designed for	UN
	transfer to the baccalaureate degree)	
	Bachelor's degree or higher in the teaching discipline OR associate	
	degree (A.A., A.S., A.A.S.) and demonstrated competencies in the	
	teaching discipline.	
3	Non-Degree Diploma or Certificate Occupational Courses	UN
	Some college or specialized training, but with an emphasis on	
	competence gained through work experience.	
4	Developmental Courses	D
	Bachelor's degree or higher OR	
	associate degree and demonstrated competencies in the teaching	
	discipline.	

^{*}UT=Transferable; UN=Nontransferable (including certificate or CTBC); D=Developmental

Credentialing Requirements by Discipline (A-Z)

Business Administration, B.S.			
Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
prefix	type		disciplines
BUL	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Accounting
MAN		in discipline, or Juris Doctor	-Business
MAR		*Doctoral degree preferred	-Business Administration
GEB			-Economics
FIN			-Finance
ACG			-Law
ENT			-Management

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Business Administration, A.S., and Business Management, C.C.C.

Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
prefix	type	1	disciplines
BUL	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Accounting
GEB		in discipline	-Business
ECO		•	-Business Administration
FIN			-Economics
MAN			-Finance
MAR			-Law
MNA			-Management
SBM			-Marketing

Accounting Technology, C.C.C.

Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
ACG	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Accounting
APA		in discipline	
TAX	UN	Bachelor's degree with at least 18 semester hours in	-Accounting
		discipline, or be a current Certified Public Accountant	-Tax
		(CPA)	

Computer Information Technology, A.S., Computer Programming and Analysis, A.S., Cybersecurity, A.S. and associated certificates

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Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
prefix	type		disciplines
CET	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Computer Information
CNT		in discipline, or baccalaureate degree in discipline with	Technology
		demonstrated work experience in field	-Computer Information
			Systems
			-Computer Programming
			-Computer Science
			-Computer Engineering
			-Cyber Security
			-Internet Services
			-Networking Services
			-Management Information
			Systems
			-Or a field related to
			current technologies area
CIS	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Computer Information
		in discipline, or baccalaureate degree in discipline with	Technology
		demonstrated work experience in field	-Computer Information
			Systems
			-Computer Programming
			-Computer Science
			-Computer Engineering
			-Cyber Security
			-Internet Services
			-Networking Services
			-Management Information

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			Systems -Or a field related to current technologies area
CGS	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline, or baccalaureate degree in discipline with demonstrated work experience in field	-Computer Information Technology
			-Computer Information Systems -Computer Programming -Computer Science -Computer Engineering -Cyber Security -Educational/Instructional Technology -Internet Services -Networking Services -Management Information Systems -Or a field related to current technologies area
СОР	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Computer Information Technology -Computer Information Systems -Computer Programming -Computer Science -Computer Engineering -Educational/Instructional Technology -Internet Services -Networking Services -Management Information Systems -Or a field related to current technologies area

CTS	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Computer Information
		in discipline	Technology
			-Computer Information
			Systems
			-Computer Programming
			-Computer Science
			-Computer Engineering
			-Cyber Security
			-Educational/Instructional
			Technology
			-Internet Services
			-Networking Services
			-Management Information
			Systems
			-Or a field related to
			current technologies area

Digital Media and Design, A.S., and associated certificates

Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
prefix	type		disciplines
GRA	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Graphic Design
DIG		in discipline	-Digital Media
		_	-New Media Design
			-Multimedia Technology
			-Art
			-Digital Imaging
			-Illustration
			-Animation
			-Video
			-Game Design

Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
EEC CHD 3000-4000	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline* *Doctoral degree preferred	-Early Childhood Education -Early Education
3000-4000		Doctoral degree preferred	-Pre-school Education -Pre-Kindergarten -Psychology with
			emphasis in childhood development, with demonstrated work
			experience in the field

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EEX	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Early Childhood
3603		in discipline*	Education
4201		*Doctoral degree preferred	-Special Education
			- Psychology with
			emphasis in childhood
			development, with
			demonstrated work
			experience in the field
Early Ch	ildhood l	Education, A.S., and associated certificate	S
Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
prefix	type		disciplines
EEC	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Early Childhood
CHD		in discipline	Education
1000-2000			-Early Education
			-Pre-School
			Education
			-Pre-Kindergarten
			- Psychology with
			emphasis in childhood
			development, with demonstrated work
			experience in the field
EEX 2013	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Early Childhood
EEA 2013	ON	in discipline	Education
		in discipline	-Special Education
			- Psychology with
			emphasis in childhood
			development, with
			demonstrated work
			experience in the field
Educatio	n, A.A.		•
Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
prefix	type		disciplines
EDF	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Elementary Education
1000-2000		in discipline	-Science Education
			-Social Science Education
			-Mathematics Education
			Dooding Education
			-Reading Education -English Education
			-Special Education
			- Curriculum and
			Instruction, with
			demonstrated work
			experience in the field
			- Educational Leadership
			with demonstrated work
			experience in the field

Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
Educator	Prepara	tion Institute, C.C.C.	
			-Mathematics Education -Reading Education -English Education -Special Education -Instructional Technology
EME 2040	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Elementary Education -Science Education -Social Science Education
			-Mathematics Education -Reading Education -English Education -Special Education - Curriculum and Instruction, with demonstrated work experience in the field -Educational Leadership, with demonstrated work experience in the field
EEX 2010	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Elementary Education -Science Education -Social Science Education

Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
prefix	type	-	disciplines
EPI	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in	-Elementary Education
		discipline	-Science Education
			-Social Science Education
			-Mathematics Education
			-Reading Education
			-English Education
			-Special Education
EDF 4251	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in	-Elementary Education
and 4430		discipline	-Science Education
			-Social Science Education
			-Mathematics Education
			-Reading Education
			-English Education
			-Special Education
			- Curriculum and
			Instruction, with
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			demonstrated work
			experience in the field
			- Educational
			Leadership, with
			demonstrated work
			experience in the field

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EDG 4343	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Elementary Education -Science Education -Social Science Education -Mathematics Education -Reading Education -English Education -Special Education - Curriculum and Instruction, with demonstrated work experience in the field - Educational Leadership, with demonstrated work experience in the field
RED 4044	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Elementary Education
and 4941		in discipline	-Science Education
		m discipinio	-Social Science Education
			-Mathematics Education
			-Reading Education
			-English Education
			-Special Education
			- Curriculum and
			Instruction, with
			demonstrated work
			experience in the field
			- Educational
			Leadership, with
			demonstrated work
			experience in the field
TSL 4083	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Elementary Education
		in discipline	-Science Education
			-Social Science Education
			-Mathematics Education
			-Reading Education
			-English Education
			-Special Education
			- Curriculum and
			Instruction, with
			demonstrated work
			experience in the field
			- Educational
			Leadership, with
			demonstrated work
			experience in the field

Elementary Education, B.S.				
Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines	

EEX 3294	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline*	-Elementary Education
EDE	UN	*Doctoral degree preferred Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Elementary Education
EDF EDG		in discipline* *Doctoral degree preferred	
TSL RED			
LAE MAE			
SCE SSE			
3000-4000			

Water Resource Management, B.A.S.

Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
prefix	type		disciplines
EVR	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Air/Water Quality
EVS		in discipline*	-Biology
3000-4000		*Doctoral degree preferred	-Civil/Environmental
			Engineering
			-Environmental Science
			-Natural Resource
			Conservation/Management
PAD	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Public Administration
		in discipline*	-Business Administration
		*Doctoral degree preferred	-Natural Resource
			Management

Environmental Science, A.S., and associated certificates

Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
EVR 1001	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Air/Water Quality -Biology -Civil/Environmental Engineering -Environmental Science -Natural Resource Conservation/Management
EVS 1000-2000	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline, or baccalaureate degree in discipline with demonstrated work experience in field	-Air/Water Quality -Biology -Civil/Environmental Engineering -Environmental Science

-Natural Resource Conservation/Management

EVS 2930, 2931	UN	Master's Degree with 18 credits in the discipline OR licensure at a Level C or higher (A is higher than C) with the State of Florida in Water Treatment Operator and	-Air/Water Quality -Biology -Civil/Environmental Engineering
		Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator. In addition, 10 years of relevant industry experience.	-Environmental Science -Natural Resource Conservation/Management
Nursing,	B.S.		
Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
NUR 3000- 4000	UN	Master's degree in Nursing with current FL Nursing license and clinical experience* * One faculty or administrator must have a terminal degree; Doctoral degree preferred for both positions	Nursing
Registere	ed Nursin	ng, A.S.	
Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
NUR 1000- 2000	UN	Bachelor's Degree Required* Unencumbered FL Nursing license Minimum of 3 years of experience as a professional nurse providing direct patient care	Nursing
		*Master's degree preferred in Nursing with current FL nursing license and clinical experience	
Registere	ed Nursin	ng, A.S. – Clinical Part-Time	
Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
NUR 1000C- 2000C	UN	Bachelor's required – master's preferred Unencumbered FL Nursing license Minimum of 3 years of experience as a professional nurse providing direct patient care.	Nursing
		**At least 50% of faculty must have a master's degree or higher.	
Physical	Therapis	t Assistant, A.S.	
Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines

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PHT	UN	Master's degree or bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy with current FL physical therapist's assistant or physical therapist license.	-Physical Therapy -Physical Therapy Assisting
		**At least one faculty member must be a Physical Therapist	

Health Information Technology, A.S.

Course prefix	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
	type		uiscipinies
HIM	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Business
		in discipline, or bachelor's degree with American Health	-Human Resource
		Information Management (AHIMA) certification as a	Management
		Certified Coding Associate (CCA), Certified Coding	-Health Information
		Specialist (CCS), Certified Coding Specialist-Physician	Management
		Based (CCS-P), Certified in Health Care Privacy and	-Nursing
		Security (CHPS), Registered Health Information	-Health Science
		Administrator (RHIA), or Registered Health Information	-Health Administration
		Technician (RHIT) and 2 years work experience in field	

Practical Nursing, O.C.

Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
PRN	UN	Associate's degree in Nursing required, Bachelor's degree in Nursing preferred and current unencumbered FL Nursing license.	Nursing
		Minimum of 3 years of experience as a professional nurse providing direct patient care	
		**At least 50% of faculty must have a bachelor's degree.	

Massage Therapy, O.C.

Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
MSS	UN	Current unencumbered FL Massage Therapy license Minimum of 3 years of experience as a professional massage therapist Associate's Degree preferred Experience in Adult Education preferred	Massage Therapy

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Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
GCO ORH PLS	ÜN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline, or baccalaureate degree in discipline with demonstrated work experience in field	-Agriculture -Plant Science -Horticulture -Turfgrass Science -Agronomy -Landscape Architecture
SWS 1102	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Agriculture -Plant Science -Horticulture -Turfgrass Science -Agronomy -Landscape Architecture

Social Sciences				
Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines	
AMH EUH WOH	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-History	
ANT	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Anthropology -Archaeology -Cultural Anthropology -Physical Anthropology -Social Anthropology	
CLP	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	- Psychology	
ECO	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Business -Economics -Finance	
POS	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Government -Political Science -Public Administration	
DEP PSY	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	- Psychology -Counseling Psychology -Educational Psychology	
SLS	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	Any recognized academic discipline	

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SYG	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Sociology - Psychology -Marriage and Family Counseling* - Criminology* -Women's Studies* *Only if relevant to course content
Humaniti	ies		
Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
AML	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Creative Writing -English -Literature -Rhetoric and Composition
ARH FIL	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Art -Fine Arts -Classics* -Humanities* * Only if relevant to course content specific to art history or film
ASL	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-American Sign Language -Deaf Education
			-Speech Pathology and Audiology -Special Education, with emphasis in Deaf Education
CRW	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Creative Writing -English -Literature -Rhetoric and Composition
REA	D	Baccalaureate degree in discipline, or baccalaureate degree with teaching experience in discipline	-Creative Writing -English -Literature -Rhetoric and Composition -English Education
ENC 0015, 0025, 0027C, 0055	D	Baccalaureate degree in discipline, or baccalaureate degree with teaching experience in discipline	-Creative Writing -English -Literature -Rhetoric and Composition -English Education

Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
Art and I	Music Pe	rformance	
THE 2000	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Theater
SPN	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Spanish -Comparative Literature with Spanish component -Romance Languages
REL	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Religion -Theology -Divinity
РНІ	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Ethics -Logic -Philosophy
ORI SPC	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline or demonstrated experience	-Speech -Communications -Mass Communications
MUL MUT	UI	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Music History
IDH MUH	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	Any recognized academic discipline -Music
			-Art History -Classics -Languages and Literature -History -Liberal Studies -Music History -Religion -Philosophy
HUM	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Romance Languages Any major in humanities, including but not limited to:
FRE	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Rhetoric and Composition -French -Comparative Literature with French component
ENL LIT	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Creative Writing -English -Literature
2000		in discipline	-English -Applied Linguistics -Linguistics -Literature -Rhetoric and Composition -English Education
ENC 1000-	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Creative Writing

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ART	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Art
PGY		in discipline	-Fine Arts
MUN	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Music
MVB		in discipline, or demonstrated experience in musical	
MVK		performance	
MVP		-	
MVS			
MVV			
MVW			
THE 2925	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Theater
TPP		in discipline	

Mathematics

Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
prefix	type		disciplines
MAT 0018, 0028, 0055	D	Baccalaureate degree in discipline, or baccalaureate degree with teaching experience in discipline	-Mathematics -Statistics -Mathematical Physics -Engineering -Math-intensive field
MAT 1033	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline, or Master's degree in Mathematics Education with a bachelor's degree in qualifying discipline	-Mathematics -Statistics -Mathematical Physics -Engineering -Math-intensive field
MAC MAP MGF MTB STA	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Mathematics -Statistics -Mathematical Physics -Engineering -Math-intensive field

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Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
AST	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Astronomy -Earth & Space Science -Physics
ВОТ	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Botany -Plant Pathology -Horticulture -Biology

BSC 1005, 2010C, 2011C, 2910	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Biology -Botany -Microbiology -Ecology -Biochemistry -Marine Biology -Environmental Science
BSC 2085, 2085L, 2086, 2086L	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline, or professional clinical degree (e.g. MD, MSN, DO, DC, DVM, PT, OT)	-Anatomy -Biochemistry -Biology -Biomedical Sciences -Histology -Kinesiology -Medical Sciences -Pharmacology -Physiology
СНМ	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Chemistry -Chemical Engineering -Biochemistry
GLY	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Geology -Oceanography -Meteorology -Earth & Space Science
HSC	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline, or professional clinical degree (e.g. MD, MSN, DO, DC, DVM, PT, OT)	-Environmental Health -Epidemiology -Health Sciences -Health Sciences Administration -Healthcare Ethics -Occupational Health -Public Health -Medicine -Nursing
HUN	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-Biochemistry -Biology -Dietetics -Food Chemistry -Food Microbiology -Food Sciences -Medicine -Molecular Biology -Nutrition -Wellness
IDS 2151	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline	-System Physiology -Air/Water Quality -Biology -Civil/Environmental Engineering -Environmental Science -Natural Resource Conservation/ Management

MCB	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Biochemistry
		in discipline, or professional clinical degree (e.g., MD,	-Biology
		MSN, DO, DVM)	-Biostatistics
			-Biotechnology
			-Cell Science
			-Cytology
			-Epidemiology
			-Immunology
			-Medical Entomology
			-Medicine
			-Metabolism
			-Microbiology
			-Molecular Biology
			-Veterinary Medicine
			-Virology
PHY	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Physics
		in discipline	-Mathematical Physics
PSC	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	Any recognized field in
		in discipline	physical sciences,
			including but not limited
			to:
			-Physics
			-Chemistry
			-Engineering
ZOO	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Zoology
		in discipline	-Wildlife Ecology

Criminal Justice Technology, A.S., and associated certificates

Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
CCJ CJL CJC 2162, 2400 CJJ CJE 2600	UT	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline, or Juris Doctor	-Criminal Justice -Criminology -Law -Law -Law Enforcement/Corrections or related field
			-Homeland Security -Crime Scene/Forensics
CJC 1000	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in discipline, or baccalaureate degree in discipline with demonstrated work experience in field	-Criminal Justice -Criminology -Law -Law Enforcement/Corrections or related field -Homeland Security
			-Crime Scene/Forensics

CJE 2640	UN	Master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours	-Criminal Justice
		in discipline, or baccalaureate degree in discipline with	-Criminology
		demonstrated work experience in field	-Law
		-	-Law
			Enforcement/Corrections
			or related field
			-Homeland Security
			-Crime Scene/Forensics

Emergency Medical Services Technology, A.S., and associated certificates

Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
prefix	type		disciplines
EMS 1119	UN	Associate degree (A.A., A.S., A.A.S.) and current FL	-Emergency Medical
EMS 1119L		paramedic license, current basic life support (BLS) and	Services
EMS 1335C		advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) certification, and 3	-Nursing
EMS 1354C		years of work experience	
EMS 1431C			
EMS 1930			
EMS 1931C			
EMS 2271C			
EMS 2272C			
EMS 2273C			
EMS 2346C	UN	Associate degree (A.A., A.S., A.A.S.) and current FL	-Emergency Medical
EMS 2435L		paramedic license, current basic life support (BLS) and	Services
EMS 2436L		advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) certification, and 3	-Nursing
EMS 2437L		years of critical care experience, or	-Medicine
EMS 2458L		Licensed medical doctor (M.D.) with current basic life	
		support (BLS) and advanced cardiac life support (ACLS)	
		certification, and 3 years of critical care experience	
EMS 2311	UN	Bachelor's degree and current FL paramedic license,	-Emergency Medical
		current basic life support (BLS) and advanced cardiac life	Services
		support (ACLS) certification, and 3 years of work	-Nursing
		experience at district chief or higher level	

Law Enforcement, O.C., and Correctional Basic Recruit, O.C.

Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
prefix	type		disciplines
CJK 0001C	UN	High school graduate or equivalent and FL certified or	Law Enforcement/
CJK 0012C		retired corrections or law enforcement officer, or related	Corrections or
CJK 0013C		work professional (such as attorney), and active FL	Related Field
CJK 0014C		General Instructor certification or exemption authorization	
CJK 0064C		and 3 years of related work experience	
CJK 0065C			
CJK 0077C			
CJK 0078C			
CJK 0092C			
CJK 0087C			
CJK 0084C			
CJK 0088C			
CJK 0096C			

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Course prefix	Course type	Minimum requirements	Qualifying disciplines
		Supervisor, and Firefighter/EMT Combi	
		ratus Operator, O.C., Firefighter Minimu	
		work professional (such as attorney), and active FL General Instructor certification or exemption authorization and FL Vehicle Operations Instructor certification	Related Field
СЈК 0020С	UN	General Instructor certification or exemption authorization and Dart Firing Stun Gun Instructor certification High school graduate or equivalent and FL certified or retired corrections or law enforcement officer, or related	Law Enforcement/ Corrections or
CJK 0422C	UN	High school graduate or equivalent and FL certified or retired corrections or law enforcement officer, or related work professional (such as attorney), and active FL	Law Enforcement/ Corrections or Related Field
CJK 0051	UN	High school graduate or equivalent and FL certified or retired corrections or law enforcement officer, or related work professional (such as attorney), and active FL General Instructor certification or exemption authorization and FL Defensive Tactics Instructor certification	Law Enforcement/ Corrections or Related Field
CJK 0040	UN	High school graduate or equivalent and FL certified or retired corrections or law enforcement officer, or related work professional (such as attorney), and active FL General Instructor certification or exemption authorization and FL Firearms Instructor certification	Law Enforcement/ Corrections or Related Field
СЈК 0031	UN	High school graduate or equivalent and FL certified or retired corrections or law enforcement officer, or related work professional (such as attorney), and active FL General Instructor certification or exemption authorization and Medical First Responder Instructor certification	Law Enforcement/ Corrections or Related Field
CJK 0111 CJK 0300 CJK 0301 CJK 0305 CJK 0306 CJK 0310 CJK 0315 CJK 0320 CJK 0321 CJK 0322 CJK 0324 CJK 0325 CJK 0326 CJK 0327 CJK 0330 CJK 0335 CJK 0336 CJK 0340 CJK 0355	UN	High school graduate or equivalent and FL certified or retired corrections or law enforcement officer, or related work professional (such as attorney), and active FL General Instructor certification or exemption authorization and 3 years of related work experience	Law Enforcement/ Corrections or Related Field

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FFP 0030C	UN	Certified Firefighter and	Firefighter/Fire Safety
FFP 0031C		Fire Instructor I, II or III certification from the Florida	
EMS 0110		Bureau of Fire Standards and Training	
EVS 1026C			
EVS 2005			
EVS 2892			
EVS 2942L			
EVS 2942L EVS 2930			
EVS 2931			
EVS 2932			
Fire Scie	nce A.S.		
Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
prefix	type		disciplines
FFP 1505	UN	Bachelor's degree and must have the following:	Firefighter/Fire Safety
FFP 1510		Certified Firefighter,	
			T.
FFP 2120		Fire Instructor I, II or III certification from the Florida	
FFP 2720		Bureau of Fire Standards and Training.	
FFP 1740		Hold the certificate in the class they are teaching.	
FFP 1793			
FFP 1810			
FFP 1540			
FFP 2111			
FFP 2541			
FFP 2770			
FFP 2770 FFP 2811			
FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741			
FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521			
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FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot	Course	nology, A.A.S., and associated certificates Minimum requirements	Qualifying
FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot	Course type	Minimum requirements	disciplines
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FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot	Course type	Minimum requirements Associate degree in automotive-related field, or Master ASE certification and 2 years of work experience in	disciplines
FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot	Course type	Minimum requirements Associate degree in automotive-related field, or Master	disciplines
FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot	Course type	Minimum requirements Associate degree in automotive-related field, or Master ASE certification and 2 years of work experience in	disciplines
FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot Course prefix AER	Course type UN	Minimum requirements Associate degree in automotive-related field, or Master ASE certification and 2 years of work experience in	disciplines
FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot Course prefix AER	Course type UN	Minimum requirements Associate degree in automotive-related field, or Master ASE certification and 2 years of work experience in automotive technology ing and Air Conditioning, O.C.	disciplines Automotive technology
FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot Course prefix AER	Course type UN	Minimum requirements Associate degree in automotive-related field, or Master ASE certification and 2 years of work experience in automotive technology	disciplines Automotive technology Qualifying
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FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot Course prefix AER Commer Course prefix	Course type UN	Minimum requirements Associate degree in automotive-related field, or Master ASE certification and 2 years of work experience in automotive technology ing and Air Conditioning, O.C. Minimum requirements	disciplines Automotive technology
FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot Course prefix AER Commer	Course type UN Course type Course type	Minimum requirements Associate degree in automotive-related field, or Master ASE certification and 2 years of work experience in automotive technology ing and Air Conditioning, O.C.	disciplines Automotive technology Qualifying disciplines
FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot Course prefix AER Commer Course prefix ACR	Course type Course type UN Course type UN	Minimum requirements Associate degree in automotive-related field, or Master ASE certification and 2 years of work experience in automotive technology ing and Air Conditioning, O.C. Minimum requirements High school diploma/GED or higher, plus 6 years work	disciplines Automotive technology Qualifying disciplines
FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot Course prefix AER Commer Course prefix ACR Cosmeto	Course type UN Course type UN Logy, OC.	Minimum requirements Associate degree in automotive-related field, or Master ASE certification and 2 years of work experience in automotive technology ing and Air Conditioning, O.C. Minimum requirements High school diploma/GED or higher, plus 6 years work experience in field , and associated certificates	Qualifying disciplines HVAC
FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot Course prefix AER Commer Course prefix ACR Cosmeto Course	Course type UN Course type UN Logy, OC.	Minimum requirements Associate degree in automotive-related field, or Master ASE certification and 2 years of work experience in automotive technology ing and Air Conditioning, O.C. Minimum requirements High school diploma/GED or higher, plus 6 years work experience in field	Qualifying disciplines HVAC Qualifying
FFP 2770 FFP 2811 FFP 2741 FFP 2521 Automot Course prefix AER Commer Course prefix ACR Cosmeto	Course type UN Course type UN Logy, OC.	Minimum requirements Associate degree in automotive-related field, or Master ASE certification and 2 years of work experience in automotive technology ing and Air Conditioning, O.C. Minimum requirements High school diploma/GED or higher, plus 6 years work experience in field , and associated certificates	Qualifying disciplines HVAC

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CSP 0013C	UN	Current FL cosmetologist license of minimum 3 years or Nail Specialty license of minimum 3 years	Cosmetology
Welding '	Technolo	ogy, O.C. and Advanced Welding Technol	ogy, O.C.
Welding '	Technolo	ogy, O.C., and Advanced Welding Technol	logy, O.C.
Course	Course	Minimum requirements	Qualifying
prefix			
prena	type		disciplines
PMT	UN	High school diploma/GED or higher, current American	disciplines Welding
		Welding Society (AWS) certification or American Society	-
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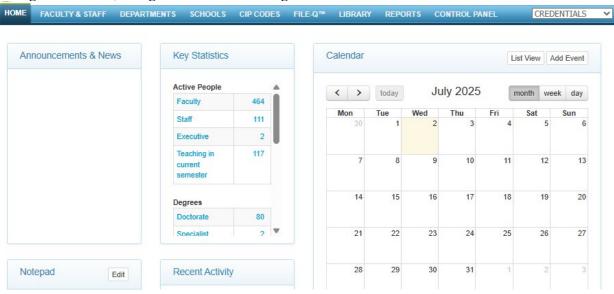
Appendix A

Xitracs Credentialing System

The college uses Xitracs for faculty credentials. Access to the Xitracs credentialing module can be found here. Note that only select campus administrators have access to the credentialing module.

xitracs.fgc.edu

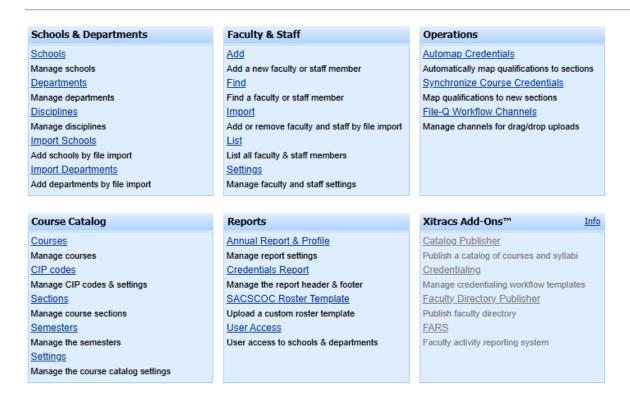
Login to Xitracs, and go to the credentialing module.



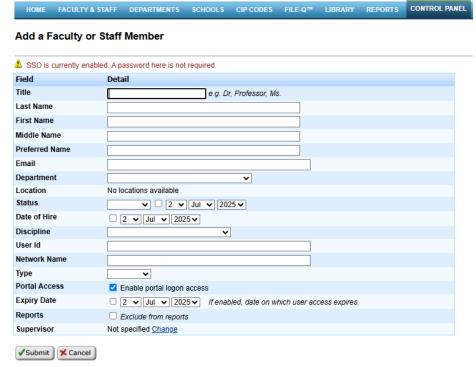
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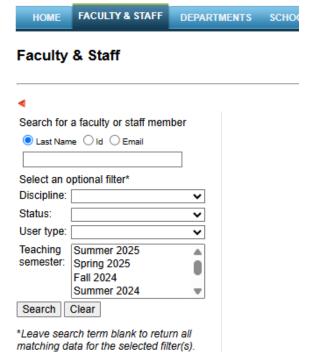
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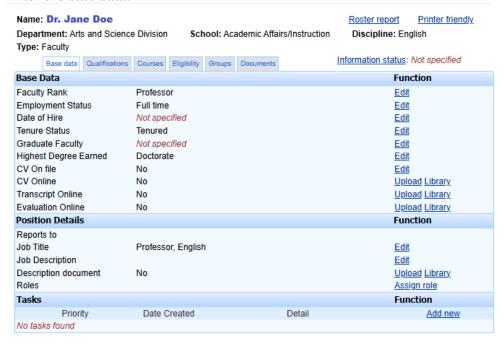
Enter the instructor's information. Note that no password, user ID, or network name are required.



To enter instructor qualification information, go to the faculty & staff menu and search for the faculty member.

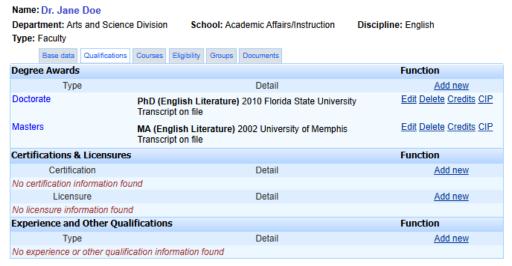


Enter the base data.



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Enter qualification information in the qualifications tab. If documentation is available, check "transcript on file."



The instructor's assigned courses will appear in the courses tab. To add the qualification that qualifies the instructor to teach a course, click "add new" under function and choose the qualification. If the qualification is an alternative credential, check "this is an additional qualification."



After reviewing the instructor's qualifications, determine whether the instructor's qualifications are compliant with course requirements and set the compliance status accordingly.



Upload transcripts and other documentation under the documents tab.



To generate a credentials report, go to "Reports" and choose the report of interest.



Appendix B

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Does a mathematics education or English education masters credential an instructor to teach math or English, respectively?

A: Not by the degree alone. The instructor would need at least 18 graduate hours in mathematics or English to be credentialed to teach in those areas. Moreover, the graduate courses should have graduate math or English content. In general, teacher content "refresher" courses or courses focused on teaching pedagogies do not constitute graduate math or English.

Q: When does coursework need to be listed in the instructor profile?

<u>A:</u> Only if the graduate degree is not directly related to the credential certificate discipline. Here are three examples:

Coursework needed: Degree is in accounting and the course is economics.

Coursework needed: Degree is in English education and the course is English.

Coursework not needed: Degree is in accounting; the course is an accounting course.

Q: Which degree(s) should be included in Xitracs?

<u>A:</u> In the instructor profile, include ALL degrees, even those outside the teaching discipline. However, when creating the credential certificate, only the highest degree related to the teaching discipline should be attached. Note: Any course work that is included from a degree requires the degree to be uploaded as well. Here are three examples:

Example 1: Instructor has a bachelor's and master's degree in electrical engineering and a masters in mathematics. The teaching field is mathematics. All three degrees should be included in the instructor profile. However, only the master's in mathematics should be uploaded.

Example 2: Instructor has a bachelor's degree in biology, a master's degree in chemistry, and a master's degree in biology. The teaching fields are chemistry and biology. All three degrees should be included in the instructor profile and both master's degrees should be uploaded.

Example 3: Instructor has a bachelor's and master's degree in business and a PhD in English education. The teaching discipline is English. All three degrees should be included in the instructor's profile. However, since no listed degree automatically qualifies an instructor to teach English, graduate English coursework will need to be uploaded. If at least one course is listed from a particular degree as justification, the degree itself must be also be uploaded.

Note: If a degree is required as proof of qualification to teach a course, then the instructor must provide **official** transcripts of the degree to Human Resources.

Appendix C

Helpful Websites

SACSCOC

1866 Southern Lane Decatur, GA 30033 Phone: (404) 679-4500 Website: https://sacscoc.org

Florida Department of Education Florida College System

325 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399 Phone: (850) 245-0505 Email: FCSInfo@fldoe.org

Website: https://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/about-us/

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