

VCCS-29: Normal Minimum Criteria for Each Faculty Rank

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	Faculty in Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Math, Developmental Studies, English as a Second Language, Administrative and Professional Faculty, Counselors, Librarians		Faculty in Specialized Professional or Technical Associate in Applied Sciences or Art Degree Fields		Faculty in Non-Associate Degree Occupational Fields	
	Initial Appointment/ Promotions	Promotions	Initial Appointment/ Promotions	Promotions	Initial Appointment/ Promotions	Promotions
	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR	Appointment on a temporary or emergency basis for a period of one year for persons who meet SACSCOC standards for demonstrated competencies and achievements that contribute to effective teaching and student learning outcomes, with approval by the college president.					
ASSOCIATE INSTRUCTOR	Appointment as a Level 1 associate instructor requires the same credentials as an instructor or assistant professor. Appointment as a Level 2 associate instructor requires the same credentials as an associate or full professor					
INSTRUCTOR						
Teaching Effectiveness	Demonstrates Potential		Demonstrates Potential		Demonstrates Potential	
Academic Preparation	Master's in field or Master's with 18 graduate semester hours in teaching field (The minimum requirement for faculty teaching ESL & developmental courses at the instructor level is a baccalaureate degree related to the teaching field.)		Bachelor's in teaching field or Associate's in the teaching field with demonstrated competency in teaching field.		H.S. diploma or equivalent; Associate's or equivalent in teaching field preferred.	
Experience	0 years		2 years		5 years current experience	
Related Occupational Experience	0 years		0 years		0 years	
Total Teaching Experience	0 years		0 years		0 years	
F/T Community College Experience	0 years		0 years		0 years	
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR						
Performance Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation
Academic Preparation	Master's + 24 graduate semester hours obtained subsequent to the Master's for a total of 27 graduate semester hours in the teaching field	Master's + 15 graduate semester hours obtained subsequent to the Master's for a total of 27 graduate semester hours in the teaching field	Bachelor's in teaching field + 24 graduate semester hours obtained subsequent to the Bachelor's	Bachelor's in teaching field + 15 graduate semester hours obtained subsequent to the Bachelor's	Associate's or equivalent (Major in teaching field)	High school or equivalent + 30 semester hours toward an Assoc. Degree
Experience:	0 years	0 years	2 years	2 years	5 years	5 years
Related Occupational Experience	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years
Total Teaching Experience	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years
F/T Community College Experience	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR						
Performance Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation
Academic Preparation	Doctorate (36 graduate semester hours in teaching field)	Master's + 39 graduate semester hours obtained subsequent to the Master's (for a total of 36 grad hours in teaching field)	Master's related to teaching field + 15 graduate semester hours obtained subsequent to the Master's	Master's related to teaching field	Bachelor's related to the teaching field	Assoc. related to the teaching field or equiv. + 30 semester hours obtained subsequent to the Associate's
Experience:	0 years	0 years	2 years	2 years	5 years	5 years
Related Occupational Experience	6 years	6 years	6 years	6 years	6 years	6 years
Total Teaching Experience	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years
F/T Community College Experience	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years
Minimum VCCS Experience in Previous Rank	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years
PROFESSOR						
Performance Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation	Meets Expectations on Most Recent Evaluation
Academic Preparation	Doctorate (36 graduate semester hours in teaching field)	Doctorate (36 graduate semester hours in teaching field)	Master's related to teaching field + 36 graduate semester hours obtained subsequent to the Master's	Master's related to teaching field + 36 graduate semester hours obtained subsequent to the Master's	Master's related to the teaching field	Master's related to the teaching field
Experience:	0 years	0 years	2 years	2 years	5 years	5 years
Related Occupational Experience	9 years Postsecondary	9 years	9 years Postsecondary	9 years	9 years Postsecondary	9 years
Total Teaching Experience	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years
F/T Community College Experience	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years
Minimum VCCS Experience in Previous Rank	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years	0 years	3 years

(1). Administrative and Professional faculty must receive at least a "good" summary evaluation rating on the most recent evaluation to be considered for promotion