

Graduate Faculty Status Criteria by Graduate Degree

Graduate Degree Program	Accepted Graduate Status Criteria
College of Graduate Studies	<p>In general, the minimum criteria will include the below academic credential(s) plus one* (1) of the following within the last five (5) years (evidence must be presented with the Graduate Faculty Status Form): 1) one meritorious/significant publication as defined by the department chair and dean, 2) one funded external grant, 3) chairing a thesis or dissertation committee, 4) one presentation in a venue that is deemed meritorious/significant as defined by the department chair and dean, 5) service as a consultant as deemed appropriate by the department chair and dean, or 6) service as an editor for a nationally/international peer-reviewed publication. All scholarly activities used as evidence to support Graduate Faculty Status should be in alignment with the faculty's role within the graduate program(s).</p> <p>Unless otherwise noted below, these criteria are considered the minimum criteria required for Graduate Faculty Status. <u>Exceptions and/or additions can be explained by using the Exception for Faculty Credentials Form.</u></p> <p>In some instances, such as the need to instruct a particular course for a single semester or the instructor is a newly hired assistant professor with a relevant degree but lacking in the above professional experiences/activities, then an exception to the above 1-6 professional experiences/activities is allowable for one year. It should be noted that for recent terminal degree graduates who are hired as new faculty, the dissertation, or equivalent, will count as a meritorious achievement if within the past most recent five (5) years. Finally, some courses may not actually require any additional professional experience/activities beyond the necessary degree. In such cases, the degree is the only requirement for instruction of said course(s). This should be noted when completing the Graduate Faculty Status Form.</p> <p>*For Doctoral Faculty, the minimum criteria will include two (2) of the above six (6) listed scholarly expectations within five (5) years and the two must be from different categories.</p>
MA Communication	
Core classes	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Media Management	MFA or PhD in a relevant field; MS/MA in a relevant field can justify the instruction of selected graduate courses that tend to have applied learning student learning outcomes

Concentration in Marketing Communication	MFA or PhD in a relevant field; MS/MA in a relevant field with a minimum of 10 years of professional experience can justify the instruction of selected graduate courses that tend to have applied learning student learning outcomes
MA English	
Core classes	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Creative Writing	MFA or PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Linguistics	PhD in a relevant field
MA in Education	
Core classes	PhD or EdD in a relevant field
Concentration in Reading	PhD or EdD in a relevant field
Concentration in Curriculum and Instruction	PhD or EdD in a relevant field
Concentration in Educational Leadership Studies	PhD or EdD in a relevant field
MA History	
Core classes	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in World History	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Military History	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in U.S. History	PhD in a relevant field
MA in Teaching	
MAT	PhD or EdD in a relevant field
MS in Biology	
	PhD in a relevant field
MS in Management	
	PhD in a relevant field; These Graduate Faculty should be engaged in activities that are substantive and sustained at levels that support currency and relevance. Also, these Graduate Faculty must have degrees aligned with the course content (i.e., instructors of accounting must be accounting/finance degree).
MS in Computer Science and Quantitative Methods	
Core classes	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Data Management and Analysis	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Information Assurance and Security	PhD in a relevant field; due to the applied-nature of this field, work experience can often be used to satisfy this area
Concentration in Predictive Analytics	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Mathematical Finance	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Math Instruction	PhD or EdD in a relevant field
MS in Engineering Technology	

	MS or PhD in a relevant field; due to the applied-nature of this field, work experience can often be used to satisfy this area
MS in Human Health and Performance	
Core classes	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Performance Enhancement and Coaching	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Public Health Education	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Sport and Wellness Leadership	PhD in a relevant field
MS in Industrial Organizational Psychology	
	PhD in a relevant field; due to the applied-nature of this field, work experience can often be used to satisfy this area
MS in Nursing	
	MSN, DNP, or PhD in a relevant area of expertise; Note, some courses within the degree contain content requiring specific licensure and/or training.
MS in Counseling	
Core classes	PhD or EdD in Counselor Education and Supervision or relevant field
Concentration in Mental Health	PhD or EdD in Counselor Education and Supervision or relevant field
Concentration in School Counseling	PhD or EdD in Counselor Education and Supervision or relevant field
PSM in Computer Science and Quantitative Methods	
Core classes	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Data Management and Analysis	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Information Assurance and Security	PhD in a relevant field; due to the applied-nature of this field, work experience can often be used to satisfy this area
Concentration in Predictive Analytics	PhD in a relevant field
Concentration in Mathematical Finance	PhD in a relevant field
Master of Music	
	MM, EdD, DMA, or PhD in relevant field
Master of Healthcare Administration	
	PhD or EdD in a relevant field or MBA for selected Business-intensive courses
Master of Professional Studies	

	PhD or EdD in a relevant field; due to many of the courses having significant leadership content, military leadership experience can be considered
Master of Social Work	
	PhD in a relevant field; due to the applied-nature of this field, a MSW (or relevant MS/MA) plus work experience can often be used to satisfy this area
Education Specialist (EdS)	
	PhD or EdD in relevant field

Certificates	
	For all certificates, the minimal criteria for qualified faculty will mirror the home department's criteria for the Master's level program. If a Master's level program does not exist, then the minimal criteria for qualified faculty will be the terminal degree of the discipline unless otherwise noted as an exception using the APSU Exception for Faculty Credentials Form.

EdD in Educational Leadership*	
Courses	PhD or EdD in relevant field
Doctoral committee members	PhD, EdD, or terminal degree in relevant field
Doctoral committee chair	PhD or EdD in relevant field plus prior experience serving on dissertation committees

*Faculty approved to have Graduate Faculty Status in the EdD in Educational Leadership are considered Doctoral Faculty.