

GCCCD Equivalency Criteria

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has consistently supported the following basic principles for granting equivalency:

- Equivalent to the minimum qualifications means *equal to* the minimum qualifications, not nearly equal.
- The applicant must provide evidence of attaining coursework or experience equal to the general education component of a regular associate or bachelor's degree.
- The applicant must provide evidence of attaining the skills and knowledge provided by specialized course work required for a master's degree (for disciplines on the Master's List) or requisite experience or coursework (for disciplines on the Non-Master's List).

The Academic Senate believes that faculty members must exemplify to their students the value of an education that is both well-rounded and specialized.

References: Education Code §§ 87359 and 87360

Please select your college and the appropriate box (1 or 2) below.

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GC Discipline Name: Biology Contact Name: _____ Ext. _____

1. The discipline criteria listed below have been reviewed and agreed upon by discipline experts at both colleges.
2. We have no discipline counterpart at the other college.

List the discipline equivalency criteria below (attach an additional sheet if necessary):

Option A

- Bachelor's degree in a physical or natural science that includes a minimum of 18 units in biological sciences
AND
- A Master's degree (unspecified) with a minimum of 18 units of graduate level coursework in biological sciences or applied biological sciences

Option B

- Bachelor's degree (preferably in a related discipline) and a minimum of 15 semester units in biological sciences
AND
- A master's degree in any applied biological science (for example, any applied human biology, epidemiology, public health, biostatistics, toxicology, pathology etc.)
OR
- A M.D., D.V.M., D.D.S., Doctor of Osteopathy or Doctor of Pharmacy degree

Master's or doctoral candidates will be accepted provided they meet the following criteria:

- 1) Completed all required coursework for their particular Master's or Doctoral program
- 2) Thesis/Dissertation research complete
- 3) Thesis/Dissertation defense scheduled in the next 3 months
- 4) Documentation of items 1-3 from the college's Office of Graduate Admissions

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