

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: English Contact Name: Mary Graham 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 1: APPLICANT HAS

- ✓ Bachelor's degree in English, literature, comparative literature, or composition/rhetoric
- AND**
- ✓ 15 graduate units in English, literature, comparative literature, composition/rhetoric, linguistics, TESL, speech, education with a specialization in reading, creative writing, or journalism
- AND**
- ✓ A minimum of two (2) academic years of supervised discipline-specific research and written work similar to that of a master's thesis **OR** a minimum of two (2) years of working in the field as a proofreader, an editor, or a publisher.

OPTION 2: APPLICANT HAS

- ✓ Bachelor's degree in English, literature, comparative literature, or composition/rhetoric
- AND**
- ✓ Eminence in the field of publishing, as demonstrated by publication of multiple novels, short stories, or chapbooks of poems through reputable, non-vanity or on-demand presses **OR** 2 years of experience working as an editor or journalist
- AND**
- ✓ 9 graduate units in English, literature, comparative literature, composition/rhetoric, linguistics, TESL, speech, education with a specialization in reading, creative writing, or journalism

OPTION 3: APPLICANT HAS

- ✓ Bachelor's degree in any academic discipline
- AND**
- ✓ 15 graduate units in English, literature, comparative literature, composition/rhetoric, linguistics, TESL, speech, education with a specialization in reading, creative writing, or journalism
- AND**
- ✓ A minimum of five (5) academic years of supervised discipline-specific research and written work similar to that of a master's thesis **OR** a minimum of five (5) years of working in the field as a proofreader, an editor, or a publisher.

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