**Faculty Qualifications**  **HHP PPS No. 04.01.01 Appendix D**

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**Sr. Reviewer: Department Chair**

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|  | Required Academic Credential | Acceptable Disciplines | Required Licensure Credential & Certifications |
| Faculty teaching didactic baccalaureate courses: | Doctorate or master’s degree in the teaching discipline or master’s degree with a concentration in the teaching discipline (minimum of 18 graduate semester hours in the teaching discipline).   * Another common doctoral degree in this field is the Re.D. | Master’s or doctorate in one of the following:   * Leisure Sciences * Leisure Services * Leisure Studies * Parks and Recreation * Recreation Administration * Outdoor Education * Outdoor Recreation * Recreation * Recreation(al) Therapy * Sport Management * Therapeutic Recreation   Other related fields of study will also be considered e.g:  Disability Studies, Experiential Education, Educational Leadership, Gerontology, Health Care Administration, Health Sciences/Studies, Higher Education Administration, Hospitality, Public Administration, Rehabilitation, Special Education, and Tourism |  |
| Faculty teaching didactic graduate and post-baccalaureate coursework: | Earned doctorate/terminal degree in the teaching discipline or a related discipline   * Another common doctoral degree in this field is the Re.D. | Doctorate in one of the following:   * Same academic disciplines as listed under baccalaureate courses |  |
| Faculty teaching clinical practice coursework: | Master’s  M.A., M.S., or M.Ed. | * Same academic disciplines as listed under baccalaureate courses |  |
| Faculty teaching graduate clinical practicum coursework: | Master’s  M.A., M.S., or M.Ed. | * Same academic disciplines as listed under baccalaureate courses |  |
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**EXCEPTIONS**

When appropriate and on a case-by-case basis, Texas State also considers competence, effectiveness, and capacity, including, as appropriate, undergraduate and graduate degrees, related work experiences in the field, professional licensure and certifications, honors and awards, continuous documented excellence in teaching, or other demonstrated competencies and achievements that contribute to effective teaching and student learning outcomes. All exceptions must be approved by department chairs/school directors, college deans, associate provost, and dean, The Graduate College (as applicable).

For this discipline, examples of additional documentation may include: Working professionals with discipline-related terminal or professional degrees (DAT, DPT, MD, DO, JD, OD, ScD etc.) and clinical experience related to the undergraduate or graduate course they are teaching or supervising