



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents
Chief Academic Officers
SACS Liaisons

FROM: Dr. Darryl McGraw, Associate Vice President
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SUBJECT: Credentialing of Instructors

The System Office has received a number of questions concerning the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) credentialing requirements for instructors of general education courses. Section 3 of the Comprehensive Standards, Educational Programs, Faculty, item 20, (a),(b),(c) lists the requirements. This is one area of the SACS principles that seems to be an issue with most colleges going through reaffirmation. In an attempt to clarify the SACS "Principles of Accreditation" we offer the following recommendation. All instructors that teach courses listed on the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement or general education courses should have a doctoral or master's degree in the field, or a master's degree with 18 graduate semester hours of credit in their field. The Comprehensive Articulation (CAA) course list may be found at (http://www.ga.unc.edu/student_info/caa/electives/electives.pdf). This should also apply to all courses taught where there are significant numbers of students that transfer to a university.

This recommendation is offered to assist the colleges in meeting the SACS requirements for instructor credentials for CAA courses only. The courses may be found at http://so1.ncccs.cc.nc.us/SACS/current_%20issues%20concerning_%20sacs_%20reaffirmation.htm. If you have questions please call:

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