
**Kern Community College District
Administrative Procedure**
Chapter 8 – Academic Senate and Faculty Employment

AP 8700 **Equivalency Criteria**

Equivalency criteria for use in determining minimum qualifications follow:

(A) Formal education equivalent to the Degree

(1) Formal education equivalent to the Master's Degree:

- A Master's Degree in teaching in the discipline
- A Master's Degree in Education, with substantial graduate units in the discipline
- Bachelor's Degree and a combination of thirty (30) semester graduate units in education and the discipline

(2) Formal education equivalent to the Bachelor's Degree:

- At least one hundred twenty (120) semester units, including general education and forty (40) units in a discipline, at least thirty (30) of which are upper division or graduate

(3) Formal education equivalent to the Associate Degree:

- At least sixty (50) approved units, including general education, as defined in the following guides published by the American Council on Education:

The Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experience in the Armed Services

The National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs

(B) Non-Formal Education Equivalencies to the Degree

- (1) Substantial work experience equivalent to the degree, e.g., in computers, engineering, or journalism
- (2) Substantial academic experience and/or accomplishment equivalent to the degree, e.g., teaching at the upper division or graduate level, scholarly publications

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- (3) Substantial artistic experience and/or accomplishments equivalent to the degree, e.g., performances, shows, exhibitions, compositions, or books
- (C) Equivalencies to required experience could include appropriate collegiate education or other training programs that indicate a mastery of the skills of the discipline and knowledge of the working environment of the discipline