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Item XXX. Amend subrule 24.5(1), paragraph “a,” subparagraph 3, as follows:

(3) Instructors in the area of arts and sciences shall meet one of the following qualifications:

1. Possess a master’s degree or higher from a ~~regionally~~ an accredited graduate school in each field of instruction in which the instructor is teaching classes.

2. Possess a master’s degree or higher from a ~~regionally~~ an accredited graduate school and have completed a minimum of 18 graduate semester hours in a combination of the qualifying graduate fields identified as related to the field of instruction in which the instructor is teaching classes. These 18 graduate semester hours must include at least 6 credits in the specific course content being taught, with at least 12 credits required for courses that serve as prerequisites for junior-level courses at transfer institutions.

For purposes of this subparagraph, “accredited” means that an institution of higher education meets the standards established by an accrediting agency recognized under 34 C.F.R. part 602 and by Title IV of the federal Higher Education Opportunity Act, Public Law 110-315.

~~For the transition period ending September 1, 2017, an instructor deemed qualified to teach with a master’s degree and 12 graduate semester hours within a field of instruction and who demonstrates adequate progress toward meeting the goals of the instructor’s individual quality faculty plan shall remain qualified to teach until the date specified in the quality faculty plan or September 1, 2017, whichever comes first.~~

Item XXX. Amend subrule 24.5(7), introductory paragraph, as follows:

24.5(7) Quality faculty plan. The community college shall establish a quality faculty committee consisting of instructors and administrators to develop and maintain a plan for hiring and developing quality faculty. The committee shall have equal representatives of arts and sciences and career and technical faculty with no more than a simple majority of members of the same gender. Faculty shall be appointed by the certified employee organization representing faculty, if any, and administrators shall be appointed by the college’s administration. If no faculty-certified employee organization representing faculty exists, the faculty shall be appointed by administration pursuant to Iowa Code section 260C.48(4). The committee shall submit the plan to the board of directors for consideration, approval and submittal to the department of education. Standards relating to quality assurance of faculty and ongoing quality professional development shall be the accreditation standards of similar accredited institutions of higher education that are consistent with the standards established pursuant to this section and the faculty standards required under specific programs offered by the community college that are accredited by other accrediting agencies. For purposes of this subsection, “accredited” means that an institution of higher education meets the standards established by an accrediting agency recognized under 34 C.F.R. part 602 and by Title IV of the federal Higher Education Opportunity Act, Public Law 110-315.

Item XXX. Amend subrule 24.5(7), paragraph “b,” subparagraph 9, as follows:

(9) Compliance with the faculty accreditation standards of ~~the Higher Learning Commission~~ similar accredited institutions of higher education that are consistent with the standards established pursuant to Iowa Code section 260C.48 and with faculty standards required under specific programs offered by the community college that are accredited by other accrediting agencies. ~~It is recommended that the plan provide for the uniform reports with substantiating data currently required for Higher Learning Commission~~

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