



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCEMENT

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MEMORANDUM

To: Academic Deans, Department Chairs and Directors

From: Janet Kistner 
Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement

Subject: Fall 2021 FSU Certification of Instructor Qualifications
Deadline: Friday, July 16, 2021

In order to comply with the guidelines established by FSU Policy 3A-2, "Policy for Credentialing Faculty Members," the academic dean of each college is required to certify, in writing, that:

1. **Each adjunct instructor of record (including post-docs and staff members, including those teaching within their position descriptions or on overloads) meets Policy (and SACSCOC) guidelines (i.e. holds a Master's degree in the teaching discipline, has earned at least 18 graduate credit hours in the teaching discipline, or is qualified based on alternative credentials) for teaching the course which they have been assigned to teach; and**
2. **Any full-time faculty member instructor of record (tenure-track, specialized, visiting, and non-tenure-track) who is assigned to teach a course outside the academic field in which they earned the terminal degree is qualified based on alternative credentials (i.e., other degrees and related work experience, demonstrated competencies and achievements).**

Each dean must submit certifications of instructors, using the attached form, to the Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement by Friday, July 16, 2021 (see instructions at the top of the form for more details). You will find detailed information about instructor-credential requirements in "Policy for Credentialing Faculty Members," at <http://policies.fsu.edu/policies/faculty-development-and-advancement> (FSU Policy 3A-2). Note that this process is occurring earlier this year in response to feedback from some colleges. Forms for new adjuncts hired past the deadline should be submitted as soon as possible.

Certifying the credentials of graduate teaching assistants will be done online using the Graduate Student Tracking System. Guidance regarding that process will be sent in a separate communication from the Graduate School.

This memorandum will be posted to the Office of Faculty Development and Advancement website at <http://fda.fsu.edu/faculty-employment/faculty-credentialing>. Please direct any questions regarding this procedure as appropriate to your dean's office, school director, or to the Office of Faculty Development and Advancement.

Attachment (*fill-in pdf format*)

cc: President John Thrasher
Provost Sally McRorie
Dean Mark Riley
Associate Vice President Renisha Gibbs