

ATTACHMENT 2

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR DISABLED STUDENTS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES EMPLOYEES SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTION 53414

Proposed 53414 (a)

Changes are proposed to this section to clarify and update the minimum qualifications for service as a DSPS Counselor.

The proposed changes are to delete an equivalent foreign degree from the possible list of Master's degrees that satisfy the minimum qualifications to serve as a DSPS Counselor. Also to delete the possession of a Master's degree in Special Education combined with 24 units in upper division graduate level course work in specific areas from the possible list of ways to satisfy the minimum qualifications to serve as a DSPS Counselor, and to update the list of other acceptable Master's degrees to satisfy the minimum qualifications to serve as a DSPS Counselor. Changes are also proposed to the number of college units along with the type of college units acceptable to satisfy the minimum qualifications to serve as a DSPS Counselor. These changes have been reviewed and vetted by the State Academic Senate and are primarily intended to update the current verbiage and educational requirements to what is generally recognized as the modern standard. The student population served by DSPS has grown exponentially since this regulation was initially enacted/adopted—the inclusion of additional types of Master's degrees will assist in addressing the increased counseling needs in DSPS services. In all proposed changes, the requirement to have prior education and/or experiences in working with persons with disabilities is preserved.

Proposed 53414 (f)

Proposed subdivision (f) is added to establish the minimum qualifications to serve as a faculty Learning Disabilities Specialist.

This proposed addition has been reviewed and vetted by the State Academic Senate, and is primarily intended to address the current modern role of a Learning Disabilities Specialist working in a community college. The current minimum qualifications listed in Section 53414(d) do not reflect the current common role of a Learning Disabilities Specialist, and only refers to instructional positions within DSPS. A Learning Disabilities Specialist typically performs non-instructional (ex. facilitation of assessments, assisting in the development of accommodations plans, etc.) and instructional roles. These proposed minimum qualifications are more closely aligned with the modern roles and functions of a Learning Disabilities Specialist.