**University of Mary Washington**

Alternative Credentialing Review for Faculty Member

Based on Documented Other Qualifications

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| **Name**  |  |
| **Teaching Discipline** |  |
| **Degree**  |  |

The policy of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) is that individuals explicitly meeting comprehensive standard 3.7.1 guidelines on minimum degree and course work are considered credentialed on a “self-evident” basis. Additional documentation is not required. Those standards are:

* **For teaching baccalaureate courses:** doctorate or master’s degree in the teaching discipline or master’s degree with a minimum of 18 graduate semester hours in the teaching discipline.
* **For teaching graduate and post-baccalaureate courses:** earned doctorate/terminal degree in the teaching discipline or a related discipline.

***Individuals not explicitly meeting Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 guidelines on minimum degree and course work must be justified on an individual basis by documenting other qualifications.*** The justification should be based on: (1) related work experiences in the field, (2) professional licensure and certifications, (3) honors and awards, (4) documented excellence in teaching, or (5) other demonstrated competencies and achievements that contribute to effective teaching.

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| **SUMMARY JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS FACULTY MEMBER** |
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| **LIST DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED IN SUPPORT OF JUSTIFICATION (and attach documents)** |
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**Signatures**

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