

Terminal Degrees* Required at DSU by Discipline**

**All degrees must be earned (not honorary). All degrees must be in the appropriate area of appointment except when a related field is acceptable as listed below.*

***Faculty may be hired with lower or other degrees; requirement is listed for the purpose of determining eligibility for rank advancement and tenure.*

Discipline	Terminal Degree	Notes
Accounting	Ph.D., D.B.A. in Accounting, MTax	Licensure may be required
American Sign Language	Ph.D.	Masters may be accepted with professional experience equivalent to a doctorate.
Art	M.F.A., Doctorate	
Art History	Ph.D.	
Athletic Training	Ph.D., DAT, Ed.D.	Licensure required
Biology	Ph.D.	Certain positions may accept professional doctorate in medical sciences
Business	Ph.D., D.B.A.	J.D. for specific positions
Chemistry	Ph.D.	
Chinese	Ph.D.	
Communication	Ph.D.	
Communication – Media	Ph.D.	Depending on position, M.F.A. in specific field may be accepted; no other master's degree accepted
Computer Information Systems	Ph.D., Ed.D.	
Computer Science	Ph.D.	
Criminal Justice	Ph.D., J.D.	J.D. does not qualify to teach upper division criminology courses
Dance	M.F.A., Doctorate	In related field
Dental Hygiene	Master's	In related field; Licensure required
Design	M.F.A.	
Economics	Ph.D.	
Education	Ph.D., Ed.D.	

Education - Subject-specific Teacher Education positions	Ph.D., Ed.D.	
Emergency Medical Services	Master's	In related field; Licensure required
Engineering – Computer	Ph.D.	
Engineering – Electrical	Ph.D.	
Engineering – Mechanical	Ph.D.	
English	Ph.D.	
English as a Second Language	Ph.D., Ed.D.	
Environmental Science	Ph.D.	
Exercise Science	Ph.D., Ed.D.	
Family & Consumer Science	Ph.D., Ed.D.	
Finance	Ph.D.	
French	Ph.D.	
Geology	Ph.D.	
History	Ph.D.	
Humanities	Ph.D.	
Individualized Studies	Ph.D.	
Information Technology	Ph.D., D.C.S.	
Integrated Studies	Ph.D.	
Japanese	Ph.D.	
Library	M.L.S.	Or equivalent from ALA accredited institution
Mathematics	Ph.D.	
Medical Laboratory Science	Master's in Clinical/Medical Laboratory Science	No other master's degree accepted
Medical Radiography	Master's	In related field; Licensure required
Music	D.A., D.M., D.M.A., D.M.E., Ph.D.	Masters may be accepted in applied music, with professional experience equivalent to a doctorate.
Nursing	Ph.D., D.N.P., D.N.Sc., Ed.D.	Other research-focused nursing doctorates accepted; Licensure required
Operations Management	Ph.D.	
Philosophy	Ph.D.	
Physical Therapist Assistant	D.P.T., M.P.T.	In related field; Licensure required
Physics	Ph.D.	
Political Science	Ph.D.	

Population Health	Doctorate in HA, PH, LTC	Ed.D. with master in HA, PH, or LTC accepted
Psychology	Ph.D.	Psy.D. for specific positions
Recreation and Sports Management	Ph.D., Ed.D.	
Respiratory Therapy	Master's	In related field; Licensure required
Sociology	Ph.D.	
Software Engineering	Ph.D.	
Spanish	Ph.D.	
Surgical Technology	Master's	In related field; Licensure required
Theatre	M.F.A., Doctorate	
Visual Technology	M.F.A., Doctorate	

History:

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