Policy 641 – Addendum k

**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.*

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| 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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