

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
Professional Qualification Statement for Degree/Concentration/Certificate

Date:	11/11/09
College/School/Department:	College of Arts & Sciences/Department of Humanities
Degree/Concentration/Certificate:	Minor, Philosophy
Coordinator:	Ron Jackson
Coordinator Responsibilities:	Work with faculty in proposing curriculum changes to Philosophy courses and program. Mentors each faculty member, including adjunct faculty. Collects and maintains evidentiary material related to Philosophy program outcomes.
Degrees:	PhD, Philosophy; JD; MA, Philosophy ; BA Political Science
Experience:	20 years of college and university teaching; service as Philosophy program coordinator, responsible for writing course and program proposals; developed Philosophy minor program and proposed major.
Certifications:	
Courses taught at CSU:	Critical Thinking (Logic), Aesthetics, World Philosophy , Ethics, Ancient & Medieval Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy , Philosophy of Culture

Narrative Statement of Qualifications (to be completed by chair or dean):

1. What evidence exists that the coordinator has the qualifications and credentials for leadership in the development and review of the curriculum?

The philosophy coordinator has a PhD in philosophy, a JD in law, and a BA in political science, with 16 years of experience teaching, advising, creating courses, creating the minor program in philosophy, and developing a major in philosophy. He has served on departmental and university curriculum committees and has reviewed curriculum initiatives and issues as a member and as chair of the Faculty Senate. He has coordinated the recruitment, oversight, and assignment of instructors for philosophy and critical thinking courses for the past 15 years.

2. What evidence exists that the coordinator provides oversight for assessing the quality of the curriculum for the program and for ensuring that the curriculum and its delivery are educationally sound?

The coordinator recruits, interviews, and supervises both adjunct and full-time faculty for the philosophy and critical thinking courses. He mentors new faculty and serves as a continuing resource for adjunct faculty, providing guidance on instruction and resources for use in instruction. He coordinates and leads full-time faculty in examining courses for improvement, the creation of new courses, and the development of philosophy programs, both minor and major. The coordinator leads weekly meetings of the full-time faculty to ensure maximum opportunity for communication and action regarding program needs or concerns. He reviews student evaluations of faculty to assure quality instruction, and meets with students and faculty as necessary to resolve questions that periodically arise.