

COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE MINIMUM QUALS/DISCIPLINES ISSUE

According to Lynn B. Miller, Ph.D., Interim Academic Planning Specialist, Instructional Programs and Services System Office, California Community Colleges, local community colleges can determine the minimum qualifications for both General and Occupational Cooperative Work Experience instructors. In order to match minimum qualifications for faculty with cooperative work experience courses, the Academic Senate needs to determine what minimum quals are necessary for faculty to serve as the instructor of record for both General and Occupational Cooperative Work Experience courses.

Proposal:

If a student is enrolled in a General Cooperative Work Experience course (and working in a job NOT related to his/her major), any faculty may be the instructor of record (one course/one course outline: COOP 98?)

If a student is enrolled in an Occupational Cooperative Work Experience course (and working in a job RELATED to his/her major), only faculty in that discipline (or cross-listed disciplines) may be the instructor of record (course for each discipline/one course outline: XXX 99?)

For example, if I am a music major who is working at a local music store giving music lessons and enrolled in an Occupational Cooperative Work Experience class, does my instructor of record have to possess the minimum quals for teaching music? If I am that same music major working at a local music store operating the cash register and enrolled in a General Cooperative Work Experience class, does my instructor of record have to possess the minimum quals for teaching music (or can a counselor, for example, be the instructor of record)?