The Education Instructional Council of Maricopa Community Colleges is committed to excellence in teaching and learning, and aspires to the highest standards of quality for instructors hired to teach the courses within our purview.

In response to the HLC changes to make primary teaching qualifications at the community college either a Master's degree in the teaching field or a Master's degree in any teaching field with 18 graduate (500+ level) credits in the teaching field, the Education IC supports the following guidelines for determining if degrees and coursework are within the teaching fields of education and expectations of excellence.

I. A master's degree (or higher) in any of the following areas is within the teaching field:
   Masters of Arts, Masters of Education:
   Education – Elementary
   Education – Secondary + ________ (discipline)
   Educational Leadership
   Educational Leadership and Innovation
   Educational Administration
   Higher Education
   Administration and Supervision
   Teacher Leadership
   Instructional Leadership
   Curriculum and Instruction
   Curriculum Leadership
   Educational Policy
   Educational Management
   English as a Second Language
   Teaching and Learning
   Multicultural Education
   Culturally Responsive Education
   Educational Technology
   Educational Psychology
II. **Graduate (500+ level) coursework with the following titles, prefixes, keywords is within the teaching field of education and qualifying features.**

NOTE: Education is both a broad and specific field of study that varies with institutions and accreditation organizations. The Education IC recognizes the virtual impossibility of listing all potential prefixes and key words and therefore continues to support college level assessment of individual credentials and qualifications.

Prefixes including but not exclusive to:
- CFS
- EDU, ELN, ETL, EPD
- EAC, ECD, ECE, ECS, ECT, ECH, EED
- EDA, EDL, EDP, EDT,

**Titles or Keywords:**
Examples: Certification, endorsement, K-12, experience, leadership, clinical supervision, special education, career and technical education, teacher education.

III. **Graduate level coursework with the following titles, prefixes, or keywords** would need to be evaluated by the Instructional Council to determine if it is within the teaching field: Graduate level course work with the following titles, prefixes, or
keywords would need to be evaluated by the Education IC to determine qualification for teaching education courses in Maricopa Community Colleges. The Education IC recommends that any faculty members who may need additional graduate level coursework to meet the new HLC requirements have their proposed course of study approved by the Education IC before beginning courses to ensure that courses meet the qualifications established for the teaching of education in MCCC.

**Titles:** Counseling Education
Adult Education
Higher Education
Instructional Design

**Prefixes:**
Including but not exclusive to:
EDT, EDA, EDM, EDS, EFE,

**Keywords:**
Counseling. Education Technology.

The Instructional Council will evaluate any other coursework as necessary to determine if that course is within the teaching field. Furthermore, the IC recommends that any faculty members who may need additional graduate level coursework to meet the new HLC requirements, has their proposed course of study approved by the IC before beginning the courses to ensure that the course meets the qualifications of being within the teaching field.