

**Cleveland State University**  
**School of Nursing**  
Graduate Faculty Status Criteria  
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**Requirements for membership:**

To be eligible for graduate faculty status for a five year term or renewal, a faculty member must have an active Registered Nurse (RN) license in the United States and have earned the graduate degree required for the level for which they are applying. Qualifications for each of the three levels of graduate faculty status in the School of Nursing are outlined below. Renewal occurs when these criteria are met in the preceding five years. These criteria are not to be construed as those for tenure and promotion.

**Level I:**

- Earned terminal doctorate in discipline or a related field and
- 2 peer-reviewed journal articles, plus, **two** of the following:
  - A. Authored or co-authored extramural competitive grant award or grant proposal
  - B. State/national/ or international professional presentation accepted through a peer-review process
  - C. Equivalent externally recognized publication or creative activity appropriate to the discipline, such as:
    1. Online course designed by the faculty member that has been externally reviewed and awarded certification through a nationally recognized peer review process certifying that the course meets national standards for quality design for online course delivery (e.g. Quality Matters™)
    2. Scholarly peer reviewed book chapter in faculty member's discipline
    3. Achieving national certification in a nursing specialty\* (Certification or renewal may occur within the five-year period under consideration for graduate faculty status)

**Level II:**

- Earned terminal doctorate in discipline or a related field, and 1 peer reviewed journal article, plus **one** of the following:
- Peer-reviewed scholarly work as defined by the school, such as:
  - A. Online course designed by the faculty member that has been externally reviewed and awarded certification through a nationally recognized peer review process certifying that the course meets national standards for quality design for online course delivery (e.g. Quality Matters™)
  - B. State/national/ or international professional presentation accepted through a peer-review process
  - C. Scholarly peer reviewed book chapter in a faculty member's discipline
  - D. Authored or co-authored extramural competitive grant award or grant proposal
  - E. Achieving national certification in a nursing specialty\* (Certification or renewal may occur within the five-year period under consideration for graduate faculty status)

**Level III**

- Appropriate graduate degree in discipline or a related field and
- 2 years of professional experience, and
- Relevant professional practice expertise of benefit to the students

**Provisional:**

- Full-time faculty receiving their terminal degree within two (2) years of seeking Graduate Faculty membership, but who do not fulfill the peer approval requirement, may be recommended for an initial three (3) year membership term if they have submitted at least some evidence of their accomplishments or knowledge of their discipline for review and approval under the guidelines. At the termination of this initial membership period, continuation of Graduate Faculty membership will require compliance with the criteria stated herein.