



**COLLEGE OF HEALTH**  
**Graduate Faculty Status Criteria**  
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Faculty are eligible for Graduate Faculty membership when they meet criteria for one of the three levels as described below: Requirements for membership:

**Level I:**

- Terminal doctoral degree in discipline or related field (ie., PhD, EdD, DHSc, or clinical doctorate in respective discipline);

**AND**

- One of the following:
  - 2 peer-reviewed journal articles (including articles in review), plus 2 peer-reviewed scholarly works appropriate to the discipline (which may include, but are not limited to, competitive grants, refereed book chapters, refereed conference proceeding papers or presentations, etc.)

**OR**

- 1 scholarly peer-reviewed book in faculty member's discipline

**OR**

- equivalent externally recognized publication or creative activity appropriate to discipline. This may include the development of clinical protocols or practice guidelines adopted by healthcare systems or professional organizations; the creation and delivery of continuing education courses or professional training series, such as presentations or workshops, that demonstrate significant impact on the clinical field; production of media with documented professional relevance, such as podcasts or instructional videos; externally endorsed curricular resources; editorial work on special issues of reputable journals; contributions to legislation, policy, or regulatory development; and significant innovations in clinical or teaching practice that are recognized beyond Cleveland State University.

For continuing education courses or professional training series to qualify, they must demonstrate evidence of external review or endorsement and represent a substantive contribution to knowledge or practice in the field. This may include approval by a credentialing or licensing board, adoption by a healthcare organization, national association sponsorship, or documented peer review. These activities must advance clinical knowledge through synthesis, application, or innovation in ways that reflect scholarly expertise in the field. In some cases, a single major contribution shall be considered equivalent to a peer-reviewed book; in other cases, activities may be considered equivalent to one or more peer-reviewed journal articles. For disciplines in which peer review is not the norm, the standard applied shall be that of the reputable and competitive venue.

## **Level II:**

- Terminal degree in discipline or related field (ie., PhD, EdD, DHSc, or clinical terminal degree in respective discipline);

### **AND**

- One of the following:
  - 1 peer-reviewed journal article, plus 1 peer-reviewed scholarly work appropriate to the discipline (which may include, but is not limited to, competitive grants, refereed book chapters, refereed conference proceeding papers or presentations, etc.)

### **OR**

- Individual has achieved or renewed a national specialty certification in respective discipline (within the past five years)

### **OR**

- Demonstrated excellence in graduate teaching and clinical supervision as evidenced by:
  - Consistent positive peer evaluations
  - Application of evidence-based teaching methods in clinical settings
  - Supervision of graduate students in clinical practice settings
  - Participation in curriculum development for clinical courses

**OR**

- equivalent externally recognized publication or creative activity appropriate to discipline

**Level III:**

- Appropriate graduate degree (ie., degree needed for independent licensing and practice in respective discipline at least at the Masters level);

**AND**

- One of the following:
  - 2 years of professional experience

**OR**

- has completed an advanced residency (separate from requirements related to the earned graduate degree)

**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.