

Austin Community College Compliance Certification Response  
Substantive Change Prospectus  
South Austin Campus

ACC employs competent faculty members qualified to accomplish the mission and goals of the institution. When determining acceptable qualifications of its faculty, ACC gives primary consideration to the highest earned degree in the discipline in accordance with the applicable SACS guidelines. This process is governed by Administrative Rule 4.03.005 for faculty credentials [\[1\]](#) which states, in part, “Faculty must be qualified to teach in the discipline. Faculty members must meet the college’s requirements to teach in their discipline and the requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and other applicable accrediting and approval agencies. The college is committed to adhering to the SACS credential guidelines as found in Comprehensive Standard 3.7 of The Principles of Accreditation [\[2\]](#) .” The college has established the appropriate minimum qualification for all courses taught at the college. These are published on the college’s website as the Faculty Qualifications Table [\[3\]](#). Recommendations for divergence from these standards require review by a committee of faculty and administrators, and approval of the college President. In addition, the committee reviews the credentials of all new faculty members employed each semester, as an additional review of Department Chairs’ initial assessment of new faculty credentials.