

## **APPENDIX D**

### **EXCEPTIONS TO THE TERMINAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHING FACULTY BY DISCIPLINE**

At Whitworth University, the standard terminal degree is presumed to be a Ph.D. The following department recommendations indicate the qualifications that are considered to be standard exceptions in applicable departments. Although these are standard exceptions, in extraordinary circumstances, other exceptions may be made at the discretion of the provost, in consultation with FPTC and the dean of the school in which the faculty member will be teaching.

#### **ART**

An MFA degree will be considered terminal for courses taught in studio art, new media, graphic design and seminar courses.

#### **ATHLETIC TRAINING**

For a clinical athletic training faculty member primarily providing clinical healthcare services, a master's degree will be considered terminal. For an academic athletic training faculty member, a discipline-specific earned academic doctorate will be considered terminal unless the following criteria are met: if the position is designed so that substantive experience as a clinical athletic trainer or healthcare professional is a qualification of the position, a master's degree related to the discipline or clinical doctorate (e.g. DPT, DC) in addition to credentials as a certified athletic trainer will be considered terminal.

#### **BUSINESS/ECONOMICS**

In the school of business, terminal degrees will be considered as the Ph.D., D.B.A., J.D., or other doctoral degrees appropriate to one's appointment. Exceptions may be made if faculty are professionally qualified according to the requirements set forth by AACSB to teach in their discipline.

#### **COMPUTER SCIENCE**

The terminal degree for computer science faculty is a Ph.D. in computer science, information science, or computer engineering. However, exception(s) may be made for faculty with a master's degree and exceptional experience in software development, cybersecurity, machine learning, or other fields where this is desirable for the position.

#### **EDUCATION**

In the school of education, terminal degrees will be considered as the Ed.D., Ph.D., or other doctoral degrees appropriate to the appointment.

## **ENGLISH**

The terminal degree for English professors is a Ph.D. in English with emphases in literature, composition and rhetoric, or creative writing. However, exceptions may be made for writing professors with an exceptional publishing record and an MFA.

## **HEALTH SCIENCE**

In health science teaching faculty positions, terminal degrees will be considered as the Ph.D., D.H.Sc., D.N.Sc., D.P.H. or other doctoral degrees appropriate to one's appointment. Clinical/professional doctorates (e.g. DPT, DC) will be considered equal to a master's degree for teaching faculty; however, they may be considered terminal for faculty in areas where courses require substantive experience as a clinical health care professional as a qualification of the position.

## **KINESIOLOGY**

Faculty candidates who apply for Track III faculty positions will be considered terminal for that Track in the kinesiology discipline with a master's degree as described more fully in section 1.2.2. Track I or II appointments in the kinesiology discipline require a Ph.D. or other doctoral degree for terminal status.

## **LIBRARY**

An ALA-accredited master's degree is the terminal professional degree for academic librarians, as stated by the American Library Association. For archivists the terminal degree is a master's degree in library science, archives, or related subject field, a definition supported by the Society of American Archivists.

## **MUSIC**

Standard terminal degrees in music are the D.M.A and Ph.D. (or Ed.D for music education). A MMus or M.F.A. (particularly in performance areas) may be considered terminal for a faculty member with exceptional professional achievement.

## **PSYCHOLOGY**

A Ph.D. is preferred in the department of psychology; however, a PsyD may be considered for terminal degree in cases when a faculty member brings exceptional qualifications, such as additional research, course work/experience and APA accreditation.

## **THEATRE**

An M.F.A. degree may be considered terminal in cases in theatre disciplines focused on the application of theatre crafts.