

SMSU College Now Instructor Qualifications for Communication Studies:

Demonstration of relevant and advanced content-area knowledge:

Instructors may meet the minimum requirement for advanced content-area knowledge through any one of the following three methods:

— 1. A graduate degree in Communication Studies or closely related field;

OR

— 2. A graduate degree in any field and 18 graduate credit hours in Communication Studies or closely related field (Mass Comm, Speech Comm, etc);

OR

— 3. A MN Secondary Ed. Licensure in Comm. Arts and Literature or a closely related field **AND** at least five (5) of the following options: *(Indicate number of times achieved next to each applicable option. Unless otherwise indicated, each option can be counted once.)*

- _____ a. One graduate-level course in communication studies or speech. Credits need not have been taken as part of a graduate degree program. Three credits fulfills one option. This option may be applied multiple times up to 5 times, or 15 credits.
- _____ b. Training/Instruction in Communication Studies at the undergraduate level consisting of at least 6 credits. This option may be applied multiple times up to 4 times (24 credits).
- _____ c. Taught public speaking at the high school or middle school level for at least 3 years. This option may be applied multiple times up to a maximum of 3 (9 years of teaching).
- _____ d. Two (2) years of concurrent enrollment or dual-credit experience teaching public speaking curriculum. This option may be repeated up to 3 times (6 years total).
- _____ e. Two (2) years of speech or forensics coaching experience at the high school or collegiate level. This option may be applied multiple times up to a maximum of 3 (6 years of coaching).
- _____ f. Current Minnesota State High School League certification to adjudicate Speech competitions.
- _____ g. Presented creative work relevant to public speaking at local, state, regional or national workshops or conferences such as the Communication and Theatre Association of MN (CTAM).
- _____ h. Published work in Communication Studies, public speaking, or speech activities/forensics.

- _____ i. Professional consulting in the area of communication or public speaking.
- _____ j. Documented evidence of professional experience in public speaking (trial lawyer, politician, advocate, speaker, etc.)
- _____ k. Discipline-specific leadership experience in a professional organization such as the Communication and Theatre Association of MN (CTAM).
- _____ l. Content or pedagogy trainer or coach; student teacher supervisor. To apply the option, comm. studies or public speaking content must be embedded in pedagogy.
- _____ m. Conduct research in Communication Studies or Public Speaking Education.
- _____ n. Fellowships or awards from school, district, state, regional, national, or international organizations for recognition of high school or undergraduate teaching in communication or public speaking.

On a separate document, please provide a short explanation of how you have achieved each of the options you indicated above and how they contribute towards your ability to teach the subject.

Completed by:

[HS Instructor]

Date

Reviewed by:

[SMSU Director of Concurrent Enrollment]

Date

Additional Comments:

Reveiwed by:

[SMSU Department Chair]

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