

**APPLICATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A
DEPARTMENTAL POLICY FOR EQUIVALENCY**

From (Chair): Nick Deftereos

Date: 12/4/2019

Department: AG/NR

Extension: 3736

Discipline(s): Animal Science - Equine

I. TENURED FACULTY SIGNATURE(S)

Signature of the Tenured Faculty Who Determined that the Proposed Policy Should Satisfy the Equivalency Requirements:

Printed Name: David M. Lopes

Signature: *D. Lopes* Date: 12/4/19

(If tenured faculty member in the discipline is not available, a tenured faculty member from a "related discipline", as defined in the Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges handbook, may sign after consulting with the non-tenured faculty.)

A majority of faculty from the discipline or related disciplines is required to sign in support below. .

Printed Name: Desiree Molyneux

Signature: *Desiree Molyneux* Date: 12-4-19
Support: Oppose:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Support: _____ Oppose: _____

Printed Name: _____


Signature: _____ Date: _____
Support: _____ Oppose: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Support: _____ Oppose: _____

DEPARTMENT CHAIR OR DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Printed Name: Nick DeStefano

Signature:  Date: 12/4/19

Do any of the colleges in the district offer a comparable program? Yes No
If so, which colleges: _____

If applicable, have RC Faculty reviewed this departmental policy with the appropriate faculty at the other colleges offering a comparable program? Yes No
If so, which instructors: _____

(Faculty from other colleges may include a statement of support or non-support).

DEAN OF INSTRUCTION/STUDENT SERVICES SIGNATURE

Printed Name: David Clark

Signature:  Date: 12/4/19

I. Statement of minimum qualifications as defined in the *Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges* handbook:

Any Bachelor's degree or higher and two years professional experience, or any associate degree and six years of professional experience. Professional experience is required when the applicant possesses a master's degree. The professional experience required must be directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment.

II. Recommended Departmental Policy for an *Equivalency*:

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Department is requesting a Departmental Policy for *Equivalency* be approved for the Equine Science discipline. This policy shall authorize Equine Science courses (Equine 010240) to be taught by applicants possessing a high school diploma and 8 years of professional experience and the addition of one of the following:

at least a

1. Successful completion of a professional farrier course and or continuing education courses or clinics in the discipline of farrier science and skills.
2. Apprenticeship under a professional trainer, farrier, equine dentist, equine nutritionist, equine breeder or equine veterinarian for 2 years.

III. Please provide an explanation that justifies this policy if different than state minimum qualifications:

The Animal Science, more specifically the Equine Science, industry has tremendous career opportunities that do not require or offer training or certification through a traditional accredited institution. *For one to those who want to* become a trainer or farrier *they* will apprentice under a professional who will pass on their knowledge and skill set. *no one has* Once the individual *has* gained the required knowledge *they* will then enter the work force and establish their own clientele. The clientele will *determine* base the success of the individual, *These* specialized skills are learned by few in the equine industry and are a necessity for all horse owners. California ranks second in the nation for horse production with over 700,000 horses state wide. *farrier* This can be an extremely lucrative career as the demand for trained *farriers* is larger than the current supply. Reedley College is offering a farrier course and Equine Certificate. *it is a goal that we will* encourage our students to enter in these specialized careers with a foundation of traditional education before they enter their apprentice program.

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ACTION OF THE REEDLEY COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEE ON EQUIVALENCY

The Department Policy is: approved: denied:

Signature of Equivalency Committee Chair (or designee): *Emily Berg*

Date: *12/12/19*

Comments: *Departmental policy for Equine Science approved with minor corrections above by majority vote of the committee*