

## **ARTICLE 12 - PROFESSIONAL RANK**

1. Faculty shall hold the ranks of Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Professor. This Article shall not apply to Counselors.
2. Higher rank shall be awarded in order to recognize a Faculty member's scholarship, service and effectiveness as a teacher. Higher rank is an honor bestowed upon deserving Faculty for performance and service.
3. The following is the minimum criteria that must be met in order for a Faculty member to be eligible for consideration for higher rank. Following the initial ranking, the Faculty member must serve a minimum of three (3) years in that rank before becoming eligible for the next higher rank and must meet the minimum criteria for the higher ranking. Teaching experience in the field must be attained at an academic institution accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Teaching experience from foreign institutions must be attained at institutions with comparable standards, as determined on a case-by-case basis.
  - A. Instructor: Faculty member who has a minimum of an Associate's degree from an accredited institution, with up to three (3) years' professional and/or teaching experience in the field of specialization or the equivalent qualifications.
  - B. Assistant Professor: Faculty member who is on annual contract and who has earned a minimum of a Master's degree from an accredited institution, with satisfactory performance, and a minimum of three (3) years' full-time professional and/or teaching experience in the field of specialization or the equivalent qualifications. All prior evaluations from TCC must be the equivalent of satisfactory or better or meets requirements.
  - C. Associate Professor: Faculty member who is on an annual contract or continuing contract who has earned a minimum of a Master's degree from an accredited institution, and a minimum of three (3) years' full-time professional and/or teaching experience in the field of specialization or the equivalent qualifications, plus a minimum of two (2) years' full-time teaching experience at TCC. All prior evaluations from TCC must be the equivalent of satisfactory or better or meets requirements.
  - D. Professor: Faculty member who is on a continuing contract and who has earned a minimum of a Master's or Doctorate from an accredited institution, a minimum of five (5) years' full-time teaching and/or professional experience in the field of specialization, and/or a minimum of five (5) years' full-time teaching experience at TCC. All prior evaluations from TCC must be the equivalent of satisfactory or better or meets requirements.
4. The following is the minimum criteria that must be met in order for a Librarian to be eligible for consideration for higher rank. Following the initial ranking, the Librarian must serve a minimum of three (3) years in that rank before becoming eligible for the next higher rank and must meet the minimum criteria for the higher ranking. Work experience in the field must be attained at an academic institution accredited by an

accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Work experience from foreign institutions must be attained at institutions with comparable standards, as determined on a case-by-case basis.

- A. Generalist: Librarian who has earned a minimum of a Master's degree from an accredited institution, with up to three (3) years' of work experience as a Librarian or relevant experience as a paraprofessional or related experience in another profession.
  - B. Assistant Librarian: Librarian who has earned a minimum of a Master's degree from an accredited institution, with satisfactory performance, and a minimum of three (3) years' full-time work experience as a Librarian. All prior evaluations from TCC must be the equivalent of satisfactory or better or meets requirements.
  - C. Associate Librarian: Librarian who has earned a minimum of a Master's degree from an accredited institution, and a minimum of three (3) years' full-time work experience as a Librarian, plus a minimum of two (2) years' full-time work experience at TCC as an Assistant Librarian. All prior evaluations from TCC must be the equivalent of satisfactory or better or meets requirements.
  - D. Librarian: Librarian who has earned a minimum of a Master's or Doctorate from an accredited institution, a minimum of five (5) years' full-time work experience as a Librarian, and/or a minimum of five (5) years' full-time work experience at TCC as an Associate Librarian. All prior evaluations from TCC must be the equivalent of satisfactory or better or meets requirements.
5. To be considered for higher rank, a Faculty member or Librarian must submit to their Dean or supervising Administrator a request along with their professional portfolio. The deadline for filing is December 1<sup>st</sup> for consideration for the following academic year.
  6. The request shall be reviewed by the Human Resources Department to insure that the minimum qualifications for the rank applied for by the Faculty member or Librarian have been met.
  7. Individuals who are Faculty at the inception of this Agreement who believe they are ranked incorrectly may submit a request to the Human Resources Department for review of their rank. Upon verification, the Faculty member's rank will be adjusted to the appropriate rank.