

3.0 Faculty Credentials

In order to provide unsurpassed quality education to meet community needs, high standards have been used in selecting faculty. All faculty members bring work experience to the classroom that enables them to relate their instruction to job demands in today's work setting. Appropriate instructor-to-student ratios are maintained to meet student needs and program objectives.

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