eCRF
Electronic Credentialing Request Form
User Manual
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Creating a new electronic Credentialing Request (eCRF)

Navigation from PS Campus Solutions: FIU Custom > Student Records > Use > Credentialing Process > Credentialing & Cert. Form > Add a New Value

An eCRF is required for all new faculty hired by FIU and/or all instructors who will be assigned as the primary instructor to a course or have a change in instructor’s workload not previously requested. This may include admin/staff employees who will now teach for the first time but were not credentialed at the time of hire or GTA’s who will be assigned as the instructor of record for a course.

Instructions to create a new CR:

- Follow the navigation above
- Select “Add a New Value” tab
- Search for the department by entering the department ID or by using the magnifying glass to search by description. Department should be selected based on where the instructor will teach.
Once the department has been selected, click “Add” to begin the credentialing request.

Blank form will appear and details for the credentialing request can now be entered and submitted for all types of appointments.

In order to create and submit an eCRF the following fields are required:

- Start teaching term
- Employee Type
- Full Name OR PID (New hires will not have PID available)
- Question #1
- Question #2
- Question #3
- If applicable, Justification and course objective matrix

If degree is to be entered, the entire row must be completed in order to save or submit the form. If instructor does not possess a degree however will be qualified using one of the options under “justifications” then the form will be saved with no entries in the degree field.

Once form is saved a credentialing request ID (CRID) will be issued.

All new faculty hires will require this CRID in the “Initial Appointment Forms” in order to verify approval.
Certification of Credentials Form

Credentialed Request ID: NEW
Date Prepared (ERTD): 08/28/2012
Department: COB School of Accounting
Current Status: New
Workflow Status: Pending Dept Submission

This form documents that faculty being appointed to Florida International University meet the qualifications established by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). This form must be completed by the Department Head, Program Head, or Associate Dean (as appropriate) and approved by the Dean of the College/School. This form must be forwarded to Academic Affairs with the appropriate offer letter and supporting documentation of qualifications.

Employee Type
- Faculty
- Adjunct
- GTA
- Courtesy

PID (if available): [ ]

Class Type (if PID exists):
- *First Name: [ ]
- Middle Name: [ ]
- *Last Name: [ ]

Please list highest degree or terminal degree first

Please answer the following questions for all faculty and/or primary instructors:

1. Degree information was obtained from the following:
   Please submit official transcript within the first 60 days of hire, for all Faculty or any GTA transcript needed for credentialing not submitted during admission process.
   - [ ] Official Transcript
   - [ ] Unofficial Transcript
   - [ ] Diploma
   - [ ] Vitae
   - [ ] Existing degree details available

2. Highest degree or degree used for credentialing was awarded by an institution in the US, select regional accrediting agency. (GTAs select NA if submitted during admission process.)
   [ ] NA
   - [ ] SACS
   - [ ] NCA-HLC
   - [ ] NSCHE
   - [ ] NYCCU
   - [ ] NEASC-CHE
   - [ ] WASC-ACC

3. English is the native language of the appointee. If not, competency in spoken English has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Department Head or designee.
   - [ ] Confirmation

If the appointee is to be credentialed by Master's plus 18, please attach the list of 18 graduate credits that relate to each undergraduate course to be taught.

If the appointee is to be justifying by exceptional alternative qualifications please complete justification of credentials for each applicable course by selecting [ ] below

If teaching, based on credentials above, please list the courses being proposed to be assigned.

Table: Courses

Save | Submit | Approve with Changes | Deny | Pushback | Cancel Form

CRED: NEW | Current Status: New | Workflow Status: Dept

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Electronic Credentialing Request (eCRF) features

Users can now copy any existing degree data from the HR Person Profile.

By selecting “Copy existing degree details” a new page will appear to search by PID and then the existing degree information will be displayed. Review degree data for accuracy, if any corrections need to be made, do so on the eCRF at this time.

Once the degree information has been verified, you can select “Copy” which will transfer the degree information to the eCRF.
If creating an eCRF for a new hire who has never been employed by FIU or an employee who does not have any degree information available in the HR Person Profile, you can proceed to enter degree data manually. Once the eCRF is approved any new degree information or changes made to the current degree data will be updated automatically with in PSHR’s Person Profile education tab.

To enter a multiple degrees click on the “+” plus sign.

After adding the **degree type**, you will be required to enter a **degree CIP code** for all available degree disciplines using the magnifying glass which will populate the discipline description.

Using the Search criteria is recommended, however if searching through “all” is required, remember that there are multiple pages to the search.
If an appropriate CIP code cannot be determined for a specialized discipline, a space has been provided for the Chair/Dean to assign the appropriate CIP code. Institutions should be selected using the appropriate school code. As the Country and State are entered, the search will be filtered using the magnifying glass to select from the filtered schools.

If degree is from a foreign institution, a space has been provided in order to enter the school name, if not found in the search. A prompt to enter the Evaluation Date for the highest degree and/or the degree used for credentialing will be required, you may select N/A for those degrees that do not require an evaluation.

Once Degree type and Degree CIP code are selected, the Terminal degree in the teaching field will be auto populated, if we have established the degree and degree CIP code combination as a Terminal degree.

Proceed to complete the following 3 required questions.

The proposed workload assignment can be requested by selecting on of the following options:

1) Entire departments by using the AcadOrg,
2) All courses with the same prefix by adding the Subject Area or
3) Specific courses by entering both Subject and Course Catalog Nbr
If the faculty is not teaching, you can select the **Not Teaching** button.

Multiple rows requesting different AcagOrg/Prefix/Course can be added as needed.

If adding specific courses, the Subject and Catalog Number are required. Once this information is entered automatic credentialing verification is done based on the established credentialing rules including Degree/CIP match and Related Disciplines. If approved, it will be reflected by the “verified” check mark as shown below for each approved course.

Users have the ability to select the type of justification/exception being used to qualify the instructor or enter course justifications and objectives, by clicking on the drop down *document image*. The Chair/Dean may want to reserve the right to make the selection.

If justification is selected, use the *document image* to prompt a new window which will allow you to enter the justification and course objective matrix details.

Use the “+” to enter all three required course objectives and instructor qualifications details.
If “Justified w relevant qualification” is selected you will be required to complete the justification form and enter at least 3 objectives, if not an error will appear prompting you to complete the form.

Once the appropriate documentation is attached and submitted for those exceptions selected from the drop down menu, a check-mark will appear next to the document image.

Instructions on the requirements of a justification will become available when cursor hoovers over the “?”
**Attachments**

Users are able to view and/or insert attachments.

The Curriculum Vitae (CV) will be required for approval as well as any other supporting documentation.

Ex. Proof of 18 graduate credit hours in the discipline to qualify using the “Master’s or higher & 18 grad hours” justification.

Users are able to view comments from others but can only create and/or update their own eCRF.
Searching for existing Credentialing Request (eCRF)
Navigation from PS Campus Solutions: FIU Custom > Student Records > Use > Credentialing Process > Credentialing & Cert. Form

Users can track the approval process of the eCRF by entering any of the required search criteria. The system will provide the user the ability to view all applicable electronic Credentialing Requests (eCRF) according to the search parameters from any department.
Users can also view the change history of the eCRF through all stages of approvals.

**Certification of Credentials Form**

**Changes History**

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**eCRF statuses**

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<th>Status Title</th>
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<td>new eCRF created but not saved (has no CRID #)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saved</td>
<td>eCRF created and saved for future use but not submitted to department Chair (CRID created)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Submitted</td>
<td>eCRF submitted from department initiator to department Chair</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pending</td>
<td>eCRF submitted from department Chair to Dean</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Approved</td>
<td>eCRF approved by AA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Approved with changes</td>
<td>eCRF approved with changes by AA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pushback</td>
<td>eCRF sent back to previous approver for edits and can be resubmitted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Denied</td>
<td>eCRF denied and sent back to previous approver. Cannot be revised.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancelled</td>
<td>eCRF cancelled and no longer available to update</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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If eCRF was “**Approved with Comments**”, the comments will be available next to the name of the last approver who made the changes.
If form was “Denied” or “Pushed Back,” the reason will be available on the form next to the name of the person who denied the form and the comment will also be included in the email notification back to the initiator/department.

Once the form is cancelled it will show as read-only for all users and will display a message on top that is cancelled.
Users can now prequalify an instructor for specific courses using the “Prequalification Page.”

This may be searched using one of the following options:

1. **Search By EID (example shown below):**
   If you are looking for a specific course or set of courses, you may use the optional fields to filter the results. Simply enter the prefix, or the prefix and specific the catalog number.
   - Once PID is entered all currently existing data based on degree in the PSRR person profile or previously approved credentials will populate.
     - Courses that Directly match with each degree CIP_CODE
     - Courses that match by relative disciplines (CIP_CODE+DEG_TYPE)
     - If previously credentialed, it will check any courses that were marked as Exceptions or AA approved

2. **Search By Degree earned (Both degree type and degree CIP code MUST be entered):**
   If you are looking for a specific course or set of courses, you may use the optional fields to filter the results. Simply enter the prefix, or the prefix and specific the catalog number.
   - Enter both degree type and degree CIP code all approved courses will populate:
     - Courses that Directly match with degree CIP_CODE
     - Courses that match by relative disciplines

3. **Search By Course (Both subject and catalog number MUST be entered):**
   - Will return all possible degrees that will clear to teach the specified course.
     - Directly match with the course CIP_CODE
Match by relative disciplines (CIP_CODE+DEG_TYPE)

Results from the prequalification page will run the results in four columns including all the possible clearance types:

1) Special Component (courses that can be taught by PHD/MSC in any discipline)
2) Exact Match of the degree CIP code to the course CIP
3) Related Discipline match
4) Exception (ex. Justification, M+18, Active Research etc.)
5) CR approved (previously approved credential form based on Prefix or AcadOrg).

For any other resources for credential please visit the Academic Affairs website. 

Note: Credentialing guidelines are subject to change.

Instructional Summary Report

Instructional Summary Report provided a history on current or past employees who have taught. This instructional profile page will include all credentialed courses, a history of assignment and information relating to the qualification of each course.

This page is only for credentialed FIU employees (past or present) with an Employee ID (EID).
The Instructional Summary Report will show you current information such as:

- Degree(s) information from the PSHR person profile
- Course(s) previously credentialed
- Current qualification status
- Expiration date for justifications (if any)
- Link to the eCRF submitted for the course

You will notice some courses are hyperlinked or highlighted in blue. These will direct you to the Assigned Course History, which gives you a detailed report of the assignment and credentialing history for that course.

Dean/Chair Set up and Delegation

Navigation: FIU Custom > Student Records > Setup > Credentialing Process > Dept Dean & Chair Setup.

Instructions to set up a Dean, Chair, new department or delegate approval authority (this page can be accessed by any approver):

- Follow the navigation above
- Select Add a New Value tab
• Search for the department by entering the department ID or by using the magnifying glass to search by description.
• Confirm dean ID first
• Assign delegates ID in the box provided if any
• Setup department head (chair).
• Continue by updating Chair ID based on department or by creating additional underlying departments and chairs as necessary.
• Select when complete.

Granting access to approvers

As approvers you will have access to the eCRF at a higher level than the initiator role. As an approver you can initiate an eCRF and self-approve based on your role. For example, a dean can create and approve an eCRF as Chair and as Dean (approving twice) and will continue through the workflow for AA approval.

When reviewing the credential request form, it will be the responsibility of the Chair and Dean to confirm the Degree CIP code and mark off the Terminal Degree flag or Transcript required flag to each applicable degree.
The proposed workload assignment can be requested by selecting one of the following:

1) Entire departments by using the *AcadOrg*,
2) All courses with the same prefix by adding the *Subject Area* or
3) Specific courses by entering both *Subject* and *Course Catalog Nbr*

1) Entire departments by using the *Academic Org*
This option should be used only for those terminal degrees in the field that will automatically clear to teach any course in the department.
Ex. PHS in Psychology can teach any course in the Psychology department.

2) Prefix only by adding the *Subject Area*
When this option is selected you may select the *UGRD Only* box of only undergraduate course should be allowed.

3) Specific course by entering both *Subject* and *Course Catalog Nbr*
When this option is selected an automatic credentialing verification is done based on the established credentialing rules including Degree/CIP match and Related Disciplines. If approved, it will be reflected by the verified check below for each approved course.

**Justifications and Exceptions**

FIU has established a set of justifications for our faculty which include the “*Master's or higher plus 18 graduate credit/hours*” and the “*FIU policy for Active Research*” which can now be selected from the drop down menu.
If clearance is based on “Justified with other qualification”, you will be required to complete the justification form and enter at least 3 objectives. If these are not entered, an error will appear prompting you to complete the form. Once the justification is complete a check-mark will appear next to the button.

Worklist
All pending eCRF transactions will be available in the Worklist for Chair role/Dean role/Academic Affairs. Until the eCRF is approved, the link will continue to appear on the Worklist, however once approved, the link will be automatically removed from the Worklist.

Workflow Routing & Setups