

APPA Policy on “Equivalency” to Requirements for Adjunct Membership

To qualify for Adjunct membership and eligibility for Certification, APPA requires at least an accredited M.A. in Philosophy. While Philosophy of Education and Philosophy of Religion are distinct disciplines from Philosophy, there may be overlaps. But in general, those who study Philosophy of Education or Philosophy of Religion are not necessarily exposed to essential requirements for an M.A. in Philosophy, as follows:

Candidates for Adjunct membership must demonstrate evidence of appropriate competency in ethics (values analysis/clarification), logic (formal and informal reasoning), epistemology (belief justification), metaphysics (world views) and at least the major figures and themes of the history of western (and preferably also eastern) philosophy. While no particular philosophical orientation is expected or required, candidates should also be familiar with the basic principles and themes of both the analytic and existential/phenomenological traditions of recent philosophy.

Those who hold graduate degrees in Philosophy of Education or Philosophy of Religion may apply for “equivalency” to an M.A. in Philosophy by submitting the following materials to beth.adams.appa@gmail.com

1. Full CV
2. Transcript of Graduate courses taken
3. MA. and/or Ph.D. dissertation abstract(s)
4. Syllabi of courses taught that entail philosophical content
5. Two or three samples of publications, e.g. peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, etc., that exhibit philosophical expertise.
6. Brief summary of other relevant experience.

These materials will be reviewed by APPA’s Board of Professional Examiners. Their decision will be communicated to the candidate. Materials are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Owing to demand for “equivalency” by candidates in Philosophy of Education, Philosophy of Religion, and other disciplines or fields described as “Philosophy of _____”, APPA’s Board of Examiners may be backlogged. Their review can take several weeks.

Thanks for your interest, and your patience.