Teacher Appointment Criteria
Psychology 12000 Elementary Psychology

Statement of Intent
The purpose of this document is to be a planning resource for the prospective instructor and the IPFW Department Representative ("faculty liaison") who mentors and supervises the IPFW Collegiate Connection Program.

The course taught at IPFW (PSY 12000) is a first course in general psychology—a course designed to provide the following student outcomes: a) an appreciation of psychology as a science, and its role in understanding human nature; b) a basic understanding of the subject matter of psychology, and of the typical methods used to conduct and interpret psychological research; c) an awareness of and familiarity with major specialty areas within psychology (e.g., psychobiology/neuroscience, abnormal, cognitive, perceptual, personality, social, and the like) and their key concepts and theories; d) an appreciation for psychology's origins in philosophy, historical shifts in general theoretical orientations, and current developments within the discipline.

Teacher Requirements
1. Any instructor who teaches this course must first be certified by the Department of Psychology by meeting the qualifications as established by the department, specifically, a) at least a Master's-level degree in psychology, or a Baccalaureate-level degree in psychology with a Master's-level degree in Education, with certification in Social Studies, b) at least four (4) years' experience teaching a psychology class at the high school level, and c) a demonstrated commitment to continuing education in psychology (continuing academic work, attendance at seminars, meetings, workshops, and the like, which have a focus on psychology and/or the teaching of psychology).
2. In large measure, the content of a first course in psychology is determined by the choice of the textbook used in that course. The IPFW Department of Psychology, through its department representative, reserves the right of approval for the primary textbook to be used in the course.
3. The department specifically requires all instructors of PSY 12000 to use a textbook designed and written for the college level.