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Community colleges who could hire someone with 18 graduate hours in that field to teach a specific non-credit course will seldom hire an individual without a master's degree in the subject area. Jobs are simply too scarce."

Melissa Knous, Ph.D., 2012; Professor of English, Tyler Junior College

With only 18 credit hours, a job candidate might procure a position teaching dual credit or an adjunct position with poor pay, few, if any benefits, and zero job security."

Jonne Akens. Ph.D., 2011, Assistant Professor of English, Texas A&M Texarkana

Without a Ph.D. in English from Texas A&M University-Commerce, my professional career at Collin College would never have left the ground." Sean Watson, Ph.D., 2013; Professor of English, Collin County Community College









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