

New Programs

-The certificates that stack to a degree must be consistent with the rigor of a master's degree ~~AND~~ there must be a direct path to the master's degree without earning the certificates

Existing Programs

- Certificates and stackable-degree options should not be forced
- If they do not fit your program, they do not fit your program
- Rigor and mastery of the content necessary for the advanced degree must be clearly evident and cannot be sacrificed
- The ideal way to determine certificates is to deconstruct the existing degree/curriculum

WRONG WAY TO THINK OF STACKABLES (like a buffet)

Master's(30 hours) can be achieved by:

- Any 3, 9-hour certificates + 3 additional credit hours
- Any 2, 9-hour certificates + 1 21r certificate
- Any

CORRECT WAY TO THINK OF STACKABLES (deconstruct the Master's degree)

-Approach them as deconstructing the Master's degree into MEANINGFUL parcels of content mastery and remember direct path to the degree must be an option

-Master's degree is 30 hours with 9 core hours, 12 (specialization) hours and 9 relevant electives

-The student would earn one certificate in the process of earning the Master's degree, provided the electives were either all taken in Area 1 or Area 2. If the electives taken were a mix between the three content areas, an additional certificate would not be earned

-Bundling core and/or specialization courses could be done if it made sense to do so

-As such, some degrees may be able to be earned by stacking multiple certificates, whereas others may require additional coursework that is not bundled

Rationale

-This may at first seem counterintuitive to building stacking options but this ensures the rigor expected by ODHE and