TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS: District high school teachers would be teaching Western 099 and 100+ level courses face-to-face in their own classrooms. All Western Concurrent Enrollment teachers will meet the requirements to teach at Western: either a Master’s in the subject area being taught, or a Master’s in Education and a major in the subject area. All teachers will be evaluated by the appropriate academic department at Western; departments will request credentials. We propose starting to work on this process of approval now, to be better prepared.

PREPARATION STRUCTURE: Teachers who plan to teach Western Concurrent Enrollment courses must participate in our summer professional development days (lodging, meals during the training and professional development courses to be paid for by Western, 2-3 days). These teachers will follow the curriculum and guidelines that academic departments lay out during these professional development days, and they will work with other teachers from across the state to brainstorm and develop lesson plan ideas. Through these PD days and time during the semester/year, Concurrent Enrollment (CE) teachers earn 3 graduate credits.

MATERIALS & MENTORING: The pacing guide, syllabus and all materials for CE courses to be taught are housed in a Blackboard (online) course so that teachers have easy access to those materials. CE teachers are paired with a Western mentor (a Western professor) for support in teaching methodology and content. During the semester, teachers share work samples and test results with their Western mentor to assure that both teacher and students are on track. This provides excellent opportunity for support and feedback. The CE teachers also engage in additional learning and discussion with other teachers and mentor throughout the semester, with the aim of creating a learning environment to ensure a more successful transition into college learning for their students. CE teachers will be mentored during their semesters of teaching a course.

STUDENTS: CE students will be bussed to Western for a kick-off orientation day with other CE students from across the state. All expenses will be covered by Western. We also propose to have teachers return at the same time for a half-day refresher before their courses begin.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SUPPORT: Our admissions team will come to schools to offer general information on applying to college and applying for scholarships and financial aid. They can also lead sessions with tips on writing the essay for a college application.

COST: All of the above will be included in the $40 per credit fee (per student, per course, after COF has been applied).

SUMMARY: For $40/credit

District teachers receive professional development during the summer with lodging and meals; year-long professional development and Western mentor support.

High school students travel for an orientation day; receive appropriately rigorous CE instruction and college class preparation; and information sessions at high schools.