Cascades Commitment

Cascades Commitment is a clear path for any high school student in Central Oregon (no matter what high school they attend) to earn 18 core credits that meet foundational requirements for an associate or bachelor’s degree after high school. Specifically, all students will have the ability to earn credits in

* + Writing 121 (4 credits)
  + Writing 122 (4 credits)
  + Math 111 (4 credits)
  + Speech 111 (3 credits)
  + Psychology 201 (4 credits)

With funding through the Eastern Promise Replication grant we have offered an alternative pathway program to High School Teachers to teach Dual Credit in Writing 121/122 and Math 111. Over the next year we hope to offer the additional foundational dual credits to all Central Oregon High Schools.

As part of Cascades Commitment High School teachers who are qualified to teach and participate in the summer course and the PLC meetings throughout the year will receive a stipend and TCE800 credits.

These credits are not transferrable between institutions and cannot be applied toward a degree. The purpose of these credits is to move you over on your pay scale. The TCE Credits will be provided by OSU Cascades.

You will receive the stipends in the spring of 2016 after you have participated in all of the Cascades Commitment requirements. It will be included in one of your monthly paychecks. Writing teachers receive $1000 and Math teachers receive $500 (if you participate in all of the activities). All payroll costs will be paid for through the grant. Your personal taxes will be taken from the stipend based on your tax bracket and your withholdings.

Depending on funding, there may be opportunity to get a substitute teacher to allow you to observed fellow HS teachers or COCC instructors. Additionally, you may have an opportunity to be reimbursed for your mileage to/from PLC meetings. If funding becomes available, we will pass along the information to your instructors.

Cascades Commitment is offered through a partnership of the following:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| * Bend-La Pine School District * Central Oregon Community College * Crook County School District * Culver School District * High Desert ESD | * Jefferson County 509j School District * OSU Cascades * Redmond Proficiency Academy * Redmond School District * Sisters School District |

If you have any questions regarding logistics or funding of Cascades Commitment, please contact

Catherine Halliwell-Templin, School Improvement Coordinator of High Desert ESD

541 693 5713

[Catherine.halliwell-templin@hdesd.org](mailto:Catherine.halliwell-templin@hdesd.org)