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# Communication and Teamwork for Cross-Curricular Corequisites

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## Obstacles to Recruiting Faculty

- May already be stressed by immature students in Early College Start and Dual Credit sections
- Desire to maintain rigorous academic standards and acceptable grade curve
- Lack of knowledge about background, relevant research, and rationale for corequisites
- Increased difficulty of administrative records and duties
- Resistance to collaboration that may require changing teaching techniques or unwanted supplemental instruction

### Share Details About Coreqs

- Attend department meetings to inform college course instructors about the State's mandate for corequisites.
- Pass around a form for faculty to sign if they are interested in finding out more about teaching a paired course.
- Assure them that changes to their curriculum are not required and the rigor of their course is expected to be maintained.
- Send a follow-up email where they can ask questions and include links to more information.

### Emphasize Benefits and Offer Incentives

- Extra support for students made available through paired course.
- Additional students make courses more likely to fill.
- Training opportunities offered with compensation.
- Adjuncts eligible for priority class assignments with sections that involve teaching coreqs.
- Coreq faculty meetings with lunch.

### **Encouraging Communication and Teamwork**

- Encourage DE instructors to recruit college credit instructors to pair with them.
- Use input from the instructors themselves to create a list of expectations and give them each a copy of the list.
- Facilitate regular meetings with paired instructors.
- Encourage email exchanges between meetings.
- Offer specific suggestions for what information to share.
- Organize teams of paired instructors to address problems and find solutions in a timely manner.

Ask questions, share information, and get feedback from your colleagues and fellow coreq implementers on the

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