Washington’s Critical Teacher Shortage
Due to the statewide teacher shortage affecting K-12 schools in Washington, CWU’s School of Education proposes a multi-pronged approach to increase the number of certified teachers, create pipelines to school districts that are most in need, and recruit more students into teacher preparation programs, including:

1. Intensifying recruitment and outreach in order to increase the number of students majoring in education.
2. Eliminating some of the financial barriers that may drive students away from a teaching career.
3. Using technology to remove some of the high costs and logistical limitations inherent in traditional student-teacher oversight.
4. Expanding the reach of the School of Education to allow it to better utilize CWU’s University Centers in order to increase the number of students studying to become certified teachers.

Improving Retention and Graduation Rates
CWU proposes a package of targeted student advising proposals to improve student retention and enhance degree completion success rates. The focus of these initiatives is to address the academic challenges faced by the increasing and significant numbers of students who are identified as at risk based on their backgrounds and previous academic performance via the following:

1. Provide increased funding to hire more advising staff in order to allow CWU to better serve these students.
2. Discontinue cyclic appointments for existing advising staff. Current CWU advising staff (19) are paid on 11 month cyclic appointments, a budgetary relic from the draconian cuts that were required at CWU in 2009.
3. Develop four specialized “Transfer Centers” in Ellensburg and strategic CWU teaching locations throughout the State that will provide sophisticated advising, career counseling, mentoring and social support for our Transfer Students, who make up approximately half of new CWU students each fall.

Central Washington University
Increasing Degree Production and Meeting Workforce Needs
2017-2019 Operating Budget Request

Priority: Addressing Teacher Shortages
A multi-pronged approach to increase the number of certified teachers in Washington
$11.9 million

Priority: Targeted Advising
A plan to increase student retention and degree completion success rates
$6.4 million

Priority: Proactive Wildfire Prevention
Methods for responding to the crisis in wildfire and healthy forest management including developing real-time monitoring of fires and healthy forest management practices
$1.2 million

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*One who gets the gist of a subject matter and knows enough to be dangerous with that subject in conversation or writing. (www.urbandictionary.com)
Developing a 21st Century Strategy for Managing Fire and Wildlands

Washington experienced its worst-ever fire season in 2015 when more than 1 million acres were burned, including 260,000 acres in the Okanagan Complex Fire—the largest in state history. Wildfires that ravage the Pacific Northwest are getting bigger and more destructive.

With that in mind, CWU proposes to take the next step in leveraging its faculty expertise and technology to provide solutions to meet the state’s critical wildfire challenges by creating a new Wildfire Science and Wildland Management Program. Students of CWU’s Wild Fire Science and Wildland Management program will understand the latest scientific research, effective management, and the use of GIS and other technologies for maintaining healthy forests. And they’ll graduate ready for careers in wildland management, wildfire science, and other areas of resource management.

The program will include:

• A professional certificate training in geospatial technologies for current firefighters
• A Bachelor of Science degree in wildfire science and wildland management
• A graduate education focused on managing wildlands and wildfire in the Pacific Northwest

BY THE NUMBERS

$55 million
Grants and scholarships available for the 2016-17 school year

11,933
Number of students enrolled

$3,000
The average out-of-pocket cost for tuition for full-time, state resident undergraduates

135
Academic degree programs, including nationally and regionally distinguished programs in music, geology, paramedicine, physics, and education

92
Percent of undergraduates who are state residents

33
Percent of first-year students who are people of color

20
Average class size

15
Percent increase in first-year enrollment makes CWU the fastest growing university in WA

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Rank in the state for value added to students, according to The Economist magazine.

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