The Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and the Illinois State Board of Education collaborated to create a new endorsement for **Nine Dual Credit Disciplines**. A Dual Credit Endorsement, as designated in **110 ILCS 27/Dual Credit Quality Act**, is an endorsement valid for grades 11-12 to be placed on the **Professional Educator License** (PEL) at the request of an instructor who meets the appropriate credential standards.

The **Content-Specific Endorsement** will be a recognized credential that will help with the portability of approved coursework for qualified high school dual credit teachers across the State of Illinois.

The nine areas include:

- English Composition
- Speech
- English Literature
- History
- General Math
- Biology
- Statistics
- Calculus
- Psychology

**To obtain an Endorsement:**

1. **QMD or 18 Credit Hours**
   - The teacher completes a Qualified Master’s Degree or any master’s degree with 18 graduate credit hours of coursework within the discipline.

2. **Application & Fee**
   - The teacher completes the Endorsement Application and pays the $50 Fee in the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS).

3. **Transcript Verification**
   - The teacher takes a copy of their transcripts and completed application to their hiring institution* for verification.
   - *Community College Chief Academic Officer or University Provost’s office

4. **Send to ROE**
   - The CAO or Provost sends the form to the Regional Office of Education for sign off.

5. **ROE Action**
   - The Regional Office of Education uploads the form to the teacher’s ELIS account.

6. **Endorsement Issued**
   - Upon receipt of the form in ELIS, the Endorsement is auto issued.