



# News Release

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## **WESTERN OPENS NEW SITE IN NORTHLAND**

St. Joseph, Mo. —Aug. 8, 2006—Missouri Western State University's site in the Kansas City Northland has moved to the Tuileries Plaza at I-29 and NW 64<sup>th</sup> St, next to Bonefish Grill. The Western Institute will be hosting an enrollment open house at the new location from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Aug. 22.

Western will offer a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and an American Bar Association (ABA) approved legal assistant certificate at the new site, along with a precious metal clay course.

The specialized legal assistant certificate program focuses on the technical and legal specialty courses for a career as a legal assistant, or paralegal. The program is for students who have already earned some college credit, or even a college degree, and want to explore or further a legal career. The legal assistant program is the only public Missouri university legal assistant program with ABA approval.

The Kansas City Northland education program is designed for students who have earned their associate's degree and want to earn a bachelor's degree. The elementary education program is approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the National Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

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Western graduates consistently pass the Praxis II exit exam at a rate that is above state and national averages.

Western's Center for Community Arts will be offering a precious metal clay course from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 15 with a one-hour lunch. This is a fun and creative course where students experience making pure sterling silver jewelry with pieces of clay.

More Western programs are coming soon to the Kansas City Northland. For more information, contact Western Institute at 816-271-4100 or toll free at 866-U-WIN-GOLD. Visit our website at [www.wi.missouriwestern.edu](http://www.wi.missouriwestern.edu).

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