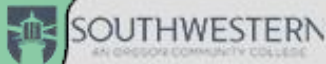


Community Colleges 101

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Oregon's 17 Community Colleges

200,573

*Student
Headcount
Statewide,
2023-2024*



3.8%
Increase
Over
2022-2023

Primary Areas of Study

2023-2024 Academic Year

Source: HECC Data Mart, 1/15/2024

Lower Division Collegiate – 44%

Non-Credit – 38%

For-Credit CTE – 16%

For-Credit Developmental Education – 1%

Other program areas:

- GED/Adult Basic Education
- Dual Credit
- Community Education
- Apprenticeships
- Department of Corrections Education

Community Colleges are:



Affordable

Most affordable choice for higher education in Oregon



Adaptable

Responsive to student, community and industry needs



Accessible

Open access institutions – We accept the top 100% of students



Accountable

Locally-Elected College Boards
CTE Advisory Committees

HEADCOUNT

200,573

(statewide, 2023-2024)

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

5,583

DEGREES AWARDED

10,334

(statewide, 2023-2024)



Student Demographics & Completions - Statewide

Source: HECC Community College Enrollment & Data Mart (1/15/2024), 2023-2024

FULL-TIME/PART-TIME

Full-Time – 3%

Part-Time – 59%

Non-Credit Only – 38%

Full-Time Equivalency (FTE)

69,222



Student Demographics - Statewide

Source: HECC Community College Enrollment, 2023-2024

Community Colleges Work for Oregon

- Offering high demand/high wage programs that address local workforce demands
- The affordable option for Oregon students
- Flexible learning for working adults
- Implementing innovative programs like applied baccalaureates and the community college RN to BSN
- Removing barriers to make higher education a reality for all students

Key Takeaways

- **Statewide community college FTE enrollment was up 7 percent for Fall 2024 and headcount enrollment was up 4.3 percent**
- **More students are enrolling in CTE and short-term certificate programs which lead to good careers and bolster the Oregon economy**
- **Community colleges need a budget increase of \$120m (\$920m) to cover a 15.7 percent gap in biennial cost increases**
- **Community colleges are adapting to serve evolving student needs (including mental health, food and housing insecurity)**
- **State support is critical to maintaining access and fostering student success**

Ryan Bonn

19 years old

Portland Community College Student

Intent: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree

Hometown: Portland

Student Feature



**The Many
Faces of
Oregon's
Community College
Students**

**Community
Colleges
WORK
for Oregon**