

COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Community Colleges WORK for Oregon

Workforce Built in Oregon

Oregon's community colleges power the state's workforce pipeline by providing Oregonians from every background with the **most accessible, affordable pathway to in-demand careers** that keep Oregon's economy strong and communities thriving.



CTE Enrollment

32,492 Community college students enrolled in CTE programs statewide (2023-24)

94% are enrolled part-time¹



Alumni Impact

\$8.6B Impact of alumni earnings on employers (FY2021-22)

That's **104,806 jobs** supported in Oregon²



Economic Impact

\$9.6B In added income to the economy from Oregon's community colleges

This impact supported **177,970 jobs** (that's **1 out of 22 jobs!**) in Oregon in FY2021-22²



Strong ROI

\$7 Rate of return for every dollar Oregonians invest in CCs for as long as students remain active in state's workforce

For every dollar of public money invested in CCs, taxpayers receive **\$1.30 in return** over students' working lives²



Accessible Applied Baccalaureate Degrees

In 2019, the Legislature authorized community colleges to offer workforce-focused applied baccalaureate degrees that build on existing associate programs to deliver advanced, in-demand skills. In 2023, this authority was expanded to include Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees, now offered by five community colleges, while three colleges offer applied baccalaureate programs in business, leadership, and cybersecurity.



Nursing

THE FASTEST PATH FROM CLASSROOM TO CAREER



Fire Science

CTE Powers Oregon's Economy

CTE at community colleges strengthens Oregon's economy by delivering **job-ready talent** for in-demand industries statewide.



Veterinary Technician



Cybersecurity

CTE Career Pathways

There are six primary CTE career pathways:

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Business, Management & HR
- Apprenticeship, Trades & Transportation
- Arts, Information & Communications
- Industrial/Electrical Engineering Systems
- Health & Biomedical Sciences



Wind Turbine Technician



Aviation



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Sources:

- 1 HECC Community College Dashboard, 11/18/2025
- 2 "The Economic Value of Oregon's Community Colleges," Lightcast, July 2023