

# CTE PATHWAYS APPRENTICESHIP, TRADES & TRANSPORTATION

Community Colleges WORK for Oregon

## The Workforce That Keeps Oregon Moving

Oregon's community colleges prepare the trades and transportation workforce that builds, powers, and moves Oregon's economy.



### Program Enrollment

**11,907** Community college students enrolled in trades & transportation programs statewide (2023-2024)<sup>1</sup>

**8,693** Community college students enrolled in apprenticeship programs statewide (2023-2024)<sup>3</sup>



### Award Earners

**897** Number of credentials awarded by CCs statewide in **trades & transportation** programs (2023-2024)<sup>1</sup>

**156** Number of credentials awarded by CCs statewide in **apprenticeship** programs (2023-2024)<sup>3</sup>



### High Earnings

**2x** Postsecondary-trained trade workers in Oregon **earn nearly twice as much** as those with only a high school diploma.<sup>5</sup>



### Industry Demand

**3%** Growth projections through 2034 in trade, transportation & utilities<sup>4</sup>

**2.4% wage increase** over the past year in the construction trades in Oregon<sup>4</sup>



### Earn While You Learn

**13** Oregon community colleges that offer apprenticeship programs. These programs offer **paid work experience alongside education and training**, helping students earn credentials and move directly into full-time careers.

Apprenticeship programs can include those in **construction & building, electrical & energy, mechanical & industrial**, and other trades like **early childhood education** and specialized technicians.



**Apprenticeship**

# CAREERS THAT POWER OREGON'S ECONOMY

Welding



## Careers That Move Oregon

Oregon community colleges prepare skilled workers for transportation & trade careers that support infrastructure, mobility, and economic growth statewide.



Truck Driving



Aviation Maintenance



Construction



Oregon Community College Association

[www.occa17.com](http://www.occa17.com)

**Sources:**

- 1 HECC Community College Dashboard, 12/29/2025
- 2 "The Economic Value of Oregon's Community Colleges," Lightcast, July 2023
- 3 HECC Office of Research & Data, 1/13/2026
- 4 Oregon Employment Department, 2025
- 5 Indeed 2025

## CC Economic Impact



### 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 FY2021-22 <sup>2</sup>



### 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 lives <sup>2</sup>