

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) ¹

8,693 Community college students enrolled in apprenticeship programs statewide (2023-2024) ³



Award Earners

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

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



High Earnings

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



Industry Demand

3% Growth projections through 2034 in trade, transportation & utilities ⁴

2.4% wage increase over the past year in the construction trades in Oregon ⁴



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.



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

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 ²



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 ²



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Sources:

1 HECC Community College Dashboard, 12/29/2025

2 "The Economic Value of Oregon's Community Colleges," Lightcast, July 2023

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4 Oregon Employment Department, 2025

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