

# CTE PATHWAYS HEALTHCARE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Community Colleges WORK for Oregon

## Oregon's Healthcare Pipeline

Oregon's 17 community colleges prepare the state's future nurses, EMTs, medical assistants, dental assistants, phlebotomists, radiology techs and more for critical careers in the healthcare industry.



### Healthcare Program Enrollment

**8,085** Community college students enrolled in healthcare & biomedical programs statewide (2023-2024)

86% of these students are enrolled part-time<sup>1</sup>



### Award Earners

**2,065** Number of **credentials awarded** by CCs statewide in healthcare & biomedical professions (2023-2024)



### Training OR's Nurses

**100%** of Oregon's 17 community colleges offer 2-year **Associate Degrees in Nursing (ADN)**

5 community colleges offer **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)** degrees



### Behavioral Health

**11** of Oregon's 17 community colleges offer credentials in **behavioral/mental health & addiction studies**.



### Healthcare Crisis

**100%** of Oregon counties face **critical shortages** of health professionals: no region spared<sup>4</sup>

Healthcare is projected to be the **fastest-growing** occupational group in Oregon (13.3%) by 2034

- **One out of every five new jobs** added in Oregon by 2033 will be in health care and social assistance<sup>5</sup>



# THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE STARTS HERE.



## Meeting the Healthcare Needs of Oregonians

Community colleges prepare the workforce for in-demand fields that support a healthy and thriving state.



## 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>



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