

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-time¹



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 spared⁴

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 assistance⁵



THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE STARTS HERE.



Pharmacy Tech

Meeting the Healthcare Needs of Oregonians

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



Nursing



Dental Assisting



Medical Assisting



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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 Health Resources & Services Administration, 2025
- 5 Oregon Employment Department, 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 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