



CAREER PATHWAYS

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Certificate Completions on the Rise

Since the State Board of Education approved Career Pathway Certificates in July 2007, more than 200 Certificates have been developed, approved, and are being offered across Oregon. Over the past three years **3,474** Career Pathway and Less Than One Year Certificates have been awarded: **574** in 2008-09; **1189** in 2009-10; and **1698** in 2010-11.

With the announcement of the *Credentials, Acceleration, and Support for Employment (CASE)* Consortium grant award in late September, we anticipate that Certificate completions will continue to rise across Oregon. The Certificate completion goal for the three-year grant (October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2014) is **2,468**.

The Pathways Certificate Research Study is also underway at CCWD. David Moore, Education Division Director at CCWD, is leading the team working in collaboration with the Oregon Pathways Alliance. A retrospective study of 2008-09 & 2009-10 Certificate completers (Career Pathways & Less Than One Year) has been completed by Paul Schroeder, research analyst at CCWD. The prospective study of these completers is planned for 2012. We'll have an update on the study at the February 1st Alliance meeting.



CASE Employer Engagement Plans Due January 31, 2012

Both the CASE Consortium Grant and the Career Pathways Grants for the 2011-2013 biennium provide funding for employer engagement to increase involvement in Career Pathways, including work-based learning experiences for students & connecting Certificate completers with jobs. Technical assistance on employer engagement will be offered in January. Details will be forthcoming soon.

Going to Basecamp

What? There's now a Career Pathway Certificate in Mountain Climbing? No, but the Oregon Pathways Alliance is now using Basecamp, an online collaboration and project management tool. *Ever get frustrated when there are multiple threads of an email conversation that overlap or get tangled? When you're busy or away from the office and don't get to email and it's difficult to follow progress on a project because updates and information are spread over dozens if not hundreds of emails?*

Basecamp organizes multiple projects and threads in one place and makes it easier to have online conversation and to find project documents. The Oregon Pathways Alliance now has project categories for the upcoming February 1st meeting agenda, Career Pathway Certificates, and Employer Engagement. On Basecamp the Alliance is referred to as *Career Pathways Community of Practice*. Soon there will be a Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Community of Practice and Career Coach Community of Practice sections of Basecamp for the other two "Cs" in the CASE Consortium Grant.

Getting a Facelift

The WorkSource Oregon website (www.worksourceoregon.org) is getting a new look. The website is being redesigned by **Sarah Stone** at the Oregon Employment Department. The new website to be unveiled in early 2012 will focus on a "front end" for users: job seekers and people interested in changing careers, upgrading their skills, and advancing their education. From the "front end" of the new WorkSource Oregon, users will be able to access Career Pathway Roadmaps on the 17 community colleges' websites and www.oregongreenpathways.org.

The current Career Pathways webpages will be accessed through the "back end" of the website and users will log in to get information on Career Pathway Certificates, grant report information, Alliance member lists, marketing and communication tools, past issues of the newsletter, and research reports. As many of you have noticed, we haven't been able to update or maintain the current website for several months. Thanks for your patience in waiting for the new Career Pathways webpages on WorkSource Oregon to "go live". We'll keep you posted.

Green Statewide Career Pathway Roadmaps

Check out www.oregongreenpathways.org to learn about the courses, certificates, and degrees offered at the 17 community colleges and apprenticeship programs statewide for the following seven occupations: solar manufacturing & installation; wind energy & renewable energy technology; construction/carpentry; HVAC-R; advanced manufacturing; utility line worker; and water/waste water system operator.

Marketing "cards" are available to get the word out about the website to students, prospective students, and job seekers. The marketing cards are available in the WorkSource Centers throughout the state. If you'd like to receive marketing cards, please email Mimi Maduro, and we'll ship them to you.

Out and About...

In October 2011, Oregon community college leaders conducted several presentations at the National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE) in St. Louis, Missouri. Presentation topics included: non-credit to credit efforts statewide & at Mt. Hood Community College, green statewide career pathway roadmaps; partnership successes and lessons learned; and the Oregon Pathways for Adult Basic Skills Initiative. Thanks to **Marc Goldberg & Donna Ball** (MHCC); **Shalee Hodgson, Donna Lewelling, Mary Jane Bagwell & Mimi Maduro** (CCWD); **Pamela Murray & Jacqui Sandquist** (PCC); and **Judy Alamprese** (Abt Associates).

At the National Governor's Association STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Summit in Durham, North Carolina earlier this month, **Mimi Maduro** participated on the Industry Credential Pathway panel along with representatives from the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and the Illinois Career Pathway Initiative.

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