



CAREER PATHWAYS

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Career Pathway Certificates: Progress on the Path

Career Pathway Certificates build skills and competencies for demand occupations in the labor market. Designed as stepping stones or “momentum points” toward an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, Career Pathway Certificates were approved by the Oregon State Board of Education effective July 1, 2007. Since that time, more than 150 Career Pathway Certificates have been developed and approved at 16 community colleges.

During the first year (07-08), when Certificates were in development and approval, in June 2008, 29 students were awarded Certificates statewide. The following year in June 2009, 235 students completed Career Pathway Certificates across the state. 352 students completed Less Than One Year (LTOY) and other short-term credit Certificates. As the word about Certificates continues to spread through college catalogs, Student Services, and websites, we anticipate many more students completing Career Pathways and other short-term credit Certificates in June 2010 and 2011.



Strategic Direction for Biennium

Oregon’s community colleges are focused on four strategic outcomes with this biennium’s grants:

- Increasing the number of students completing Career Pathways and other short-term credit Certificates
- Implementing strategies and improved processes to increase the number of student transitioning from ABE/GED/ESL to credit postsecondary
- Incorporating Career Pathways into Student Services

In addition 14 colleges will be working with their local high schools to develop Plan of Study templates (POST); 6 colleges will be offering Oregon Pathway for Adult Basic Skills (OPABS) courses; 2 colleges will be offering VESL Pathways courses; and 5 colleges will be working collaborating with their local Worksource Oregon partners. Most colleges will also be developing more Career Pathway Certificates and roadmaps.

Career Pathways “BUZZ”

On December 12th, **Pamela Murray**, Dean of Workforce & Economic Development at Portland Community College, and **Andrew McGough**, Executive Director of Portland’s Worksystems, Inc., were in Washington, D.C. to present Career Pathways and their regional workforce partnership to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions (HELP) Committee. . . In November the Oregon Employment Department released the results of the “Household Survey on Employment Issues.” *17% of Oregonians indicated that they were aware of “Career Pathways.”* This was the first time the question was asked on the OED’s Employment Issues Survey. . . On January 27th, President Obama talked about “pathways to advancement” in his State of Union address.

Green Roadmaps Coming Your Way

In December the Oregon Employment Department (OED) was awarded "Green Labor Market Information" grant through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded at \$1.25 million. The Pathways Statewide Initiative is collaborating with OED to develop five new statewide roadmaps for "green" occupations. The Pathways Initiative was awarded \$94,460. Work on the project will be underway this spring and projected to be completed in May 2011. Look for more on "green" pathways in the future newsletters.

Free Webinars on the Career Pathways Roadmap Webtool Offered

Several dates are scheduled in February to offer online webinar training conferences. These will be one hour long sessions to provide users with the basics to get launched using the webtool with time to address specific questions.

- High School & Community College Plan of Study (POST) Drawing Webinar
Thurs. February 11th, 1:30-2:30pm
(registration deadline: 2/10)
- Community College Roadmap Drawing Webinar
Tues. February 16th, 3:30-4:30pm
(registration deadline: 2/15)

To register to attend one of these webinar trainings, please email us at helpdesk@ctepathways.org.

Customized, regional, on site training sessions are available upon request for both the Roadmap and POST features. If you are interested in coordinating training in your area, please contact Effie Siverts at helpdesk@ctepathways.org.

Roadmap "Hits"

From July 1st through December 31st there were 22,810 "hits" to view more than 200 community college roadmaps.

To recap where the "hits" are coming from:

- 22.62% coming from OLMIS
- 20.84% from LCC
- 8.44% from MHCC
- 5.10% from CGCC
- 4.78% from SOCC
- 39.22% from all other college and high school users.

Careers 2010 Magazine

Brenda Turner, occupational economist at the Oregon Employment Department & Pathways Statewide Steering Committee member, announced the new Careers 2010 is now available.

If you would like to order copies, contact: Kathi Riddell at 503-947-1266 or Kathi.R.Riddell@state.or.us.

To order copies online, go to the Publications tab on www.QualityInfo.org.

The Spanish version will be available in February and can be ordered from Kathi.

A pdf of the Careers 2010 Magazine is also available online at www.QualityInfo.org under the Careers tab.



Career Pathways "Flying Pigs" at the new Tillamook Bay Community College campus.