



CAREER PATHWAYS

News, Notes, and Stories

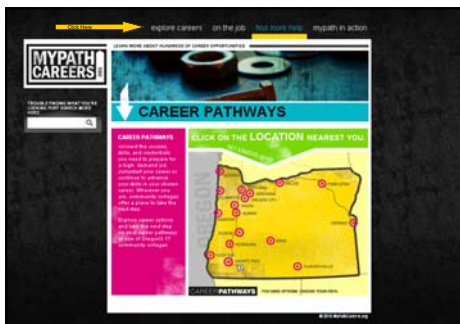
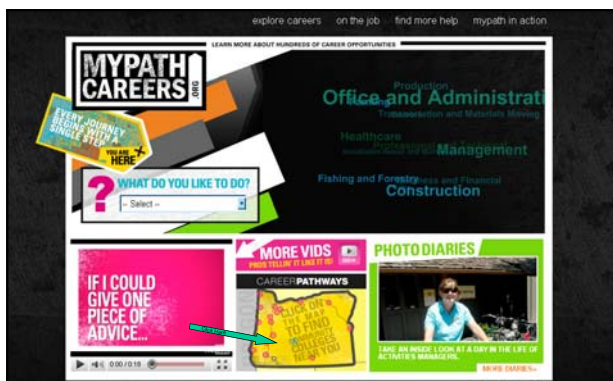
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New MyPathCareers Website Launched

The Oregon Workforce Investment Board (OWIB) launched the new MyPathCareers website the week of May 10th. www.MyPathCareers.org --Check it out! There are hundreds of video and photo diaries about people working in dozens of occupations. Detailed occupational information is provided through hyperlinks to Oregon's Career Information System (CIS).

For the past year Career Pathways at Oregon's Community Colleges has been the sole presence on MyPathCareers---now that the website has been completed and launched, the Career Pathways page can be accessed through clicking on the yellow Oregon map on the Home page or entering www.MyPathCareers.org/cp as a shortcut. Click on "explore careers" on the top of the home page to access the roadmaps. Roadmaps available for each community college are listed when you click on an occupation. All of the Career Pathways published roadmaps can be accessed through MyPathCareers.org as well through OLMIS Occupational Reports.

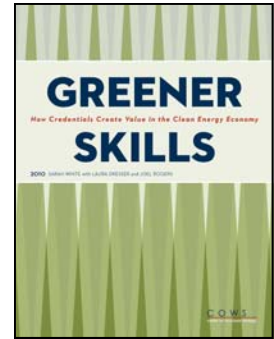


Oregon Pathways Alliance Applies for Department of Labor Funds

Seven community colleges and their local workforce partners joined forces to respond to the Department of Labor's (DOL) Community-Based Job Training request for proposals. Spearheaded by Portland Community College as lead and fiscal agent for the application, six other colleges worked together to build collaborative strategies locally for healthcare career pathways including: nursing assistant, emergency medical technical, medical assistant, and registered nurse. More than 40 partners contributed over 1,000 hours of time. The three-year proposal serves 850 Oregonians in the seven districts with a budget of \$4.8 million.

The collaborative proposal calls for completion of training and awarding an industry credential or certificate, job placement and job retention for training completers. Clackamas, Mt. Hood, Lane, Rogue, Oregon Coast and Klamath worked diligently with PCC to build the local partnerships and strategies for the proposal, including local and statewide healthcare employers. Kudos to the PCC team for their leadership and skills in steering the ship and making it happen: Pamela Murray, Dean of Workforce & Economic Development; Miriam Friedman, Grant Office Director; Vanessa Wood, Grant Writer; and Shannan Cox, Grant Specialist.

New Report Released



The Center of Wisconsin Strategy (COWS) released a new report this month entitled: ***Greener Skills: How Credentials Create Value in the Clean Energy Economy*** by Sarah White with Laura Dresser and Joel Rogers. This report highlights the importance of standards, career pathways, and other policy recommendations to create value-added credentials for advancing in the clean energy economy.

<http://www.cows.org/pdf/rp-greenerkills.pdf>

Green Career Pathways

One of the three CCWD projects included in the Green Labor Market Information (LMI) grant that was recently funded through ARRA, is to develop five to seven statewide career pathway roadmaps for “green occupations”. The Oregon Employment Department (OED) is the lead agency for this grant with CCWD as a partner agency with Charlie Johnson, Oregon’s Green Economist as team lead. Oregon’s Career Information System (CIS) is also a partner on this grant project team.

The contract for this project is April 2010 through May 31, 2011. The amount of funding for the Career Pathway statewide roadmaps for five to seven green occupations is \$94,460. Audrey Theis, KeyLinks, Inc. will be working with project lead, Mimi Maduro, as a consultant on this project. The Pathways Initiative will be collaborating closely with grant partners using WorkKeys profile data for the green occupations project and other labor market research by OED and CIS, to inform the development of roadmaps.

A Green Career Pathway Advisory Team (“brain trust”) has been recently organized including: Kate Dins, Dean, Portland Community College; Mark Williams, Dean, Umpqua Community College; Serena St. Clair, Pathways & Articulation Coordinator, Rogue Community College; Dave Krumbein, Blue Mountain Community College; Rosa Lopez, Pathways Coordinator, Lane Community College; Tom Thompson, Oregon Department of Education. The first meeting of this group is currently being organized for mid-June. Stay tuned for further developments.



Tidbits: Career Pathways in the News

In April, Commissioner **Camille Preus**, CCWD Director **David Moore**, **Andrew McGough**, Worksystems, Inc., and **Pamela Murray** from PCC met with representatives from the U.S. Depts. of Labor and Education in Seattle for an invitational meeting on Career Pathways convened by Jobs for the Future...**Mimi Maduro** presented a session on Career Pathways at the Department of Labor’s Pacific Northwest Workforce Development Forum in April along with **Heather Ficht** from Worksystems, Inc. who talked about using OJT (on the job training) as a career pathway resource...**Shalee Hodgson** from CCWD and **Charlie Johnson** from the Oregon Employment Department presented on Green Career Pathways at the Green Labor Market Information Conference in early May in Denver... **Mimi Maduro** and **Audrey Theis** of Key Links, Inc. presented on the Green Career Pathways project at the Community College Green Conference on May 13 at Lane Community College in Eugene.

Student Persistence Taskforce Kick-Off

Oregon Community College Presidents launched the new Student Persistence Taskforce this Spring with representatives from Presidents, Council of Instructional Administrators (CIA), Council of Student Services Administrators (CSSA), Institutional Researchers, and other groups including the Oregon Pathways Alliance. Kim Freeman, Dean of Workforce and Economic Development at Mt. Hood Community College was nominated to represent the Pathways Alliance on the taskforce. At the kick-off meeting for the taskforce on May 13 the taskforce focused on developing a framework as a foundation to develop statewide proposals for future potential funding sources to increase student success in Oregon. Based on the development of this framework the taskforce jumped into their first endeavor and submitted a pre-proposal for consideration by Lumina Foundation. Stay tuned for future developments.

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