

Partnerships

Community colleges are directly responsive to the needs of Oregon businesses. In every area of the state, community colleges offer customized training to meet the needs of local industries. In recent years, the colleges have had to turn down requests from their business partners because they didn't have the capacity to serve them. With an investment of \$529 million, here are just some of the things community colleges will consider to support business growth and community progress.

- ⌘ Increase contracted training programs to meet the needs of area employers. Expand training offerings for both entry level and existing employees of business partners.
- ⌘ Invest in training programs to prepare workers for growing alternative crops to support bio-diesel fuels.
- ⌘ Create programs in ecotourism, turf management and marine biology to prepare students with training to meet regional job availability in southern Oregon.
- ⌘ Create programs to train 360 technicians for the new Gorge area wind farm industry by 2011.
- ⌘ Expand offerings in transportation industry training including the Commercial Truck Driving Programs to provide skilled workers for jobs available now and projected to increase in the next decade .
- ⌘ Expand partnerships with Emergency Responders and start new paramedic training programs to serve remote communities. Partner with area fire departments to train emergency service workers to serve the new natural gas pipeline project in Southern Oregon.
- ⌘ Partner with the telecommunications industry to provide affordable, redundant and reliable high-speed bandwidth to Northeast Oregon.
- ⌘ In partnership with OUS, create a seamless postsecondary education by providing incentives for collaboration and business training. Complete development of BA and BS pathways to Western Oregon University. Build Baccalaureate Degree completion programs in Salem such as Business Administration and Media Arts with Eastern Oregon University and Health Sciences and Dental Hygiene with OIT. Start programs in Environmental Sciences and Hospitality/ Business Management in partnership with PSU. Start Aquarium Science and other programs in partnership with Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center.
- ⌘ Expand ESL, GED, ABE and other preparatory programs in partnership with area school districts.
- ⌘ Invest in Portland Metro Consortium to enable seamless transfer among metro area community colleges and PSU.
- ⌘ Provide operating budget for the planned Willow Creek site (a commuter-friendly site in Washington County being developed in partnership with Tri-Met and the Oregon Employment Division.)
- ⌘ Expand apprenticeship, workforce development and customized training programs for business and industry partners to strengthen area economy and reduce high unemployment in Douglas County.