

LEARNING OPTIONS

COCC offers a wide range of credit courses and programs designed to build skills and prepare for transfer or direct employment. In addition, COCC provides non-credit options through Continuing Education and Adult Basic Skills departments. The College engages in a variety of partnerships to support students and the community.

Credit Options (Transfer, CTE, Individualized Study)

Transfer

COCC offers several options to support students who intend to transfer their credits to earn a bachelor's degree at another college or university. The Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) provides students with several assurances when transferred to any Oregon public university. The Associate of Science (AS) degree prepares students to transfer either to a specific baccalaureate-granting college, to a specific major, or both. The Oregon Transfer Module (OTM), while not a full certificate or degree, is designed to transfer to Oregon community colleges and public universities; all credits will be applied toward general education requirements.

Career and Technical Education

The Associate of Applied Science degree and certificates are designed to prepare students with technical skills so they can enter the workforce after graduation.

Individualized Study

COCC offers the Associate of General Studies for students who are not pursuing a specific transfer or career and technical program but wish to design a course of study to meet their individual needs.

Basic Skills/Developmental Classes

COCC offers courses that prepare students for college-level courses in computers/technology, math, and writing. These classes are frequently available in classrooms on the Bend, Madras, Prineville and Redmond campuses and some are offered online. Check the current credit class schedule for times and locations.

Continuing Education

COCC's Continuing Education department offers innovative, high-quality, community-driven, affordable non-credit classes and events to adults throughout the District. Classes provide opportunities to stay current with job skills, engage in new interests and explore a range of activities.

Continuing Education classes are easy to access. There are no applications, no transcripts and no special qualifications to register. Students sign up and pay the class fee to enroll. Please visit the Continuing Education website (<http://cocc.edu/continuinged/>) or call 541-383-7270 for more information.

Personal Enrichment

Enrichment courses encourage students to explore personal interests and learn new skills. Take classes for fun, business, health, recreation or personal growth—the choice is yours. Class schedules are mailed quarterly to households throughout the district. A complete up-to-date schedule and registration options are available on the Continuing Education website (<https://www.cocc.edu/departments/continuinged/>).

Professional Development

A variety of high-quality professional education options are available for those who want to stay competitive in their careers, study for industry certifications, meet continuing education requirements, or pursue entry-level career training. Professional development opportunities include accounting/bookkeeping, technology, construction, project management, health care and wellness, landscaping, leadership and management. Continuing Education offers both individual courses as well as non-credit training certificates (more information on non-credit training certificates is located in the special curriculum (<https://catalog.cocc.edu/about-catalog/archive/2020-2021/degree-certificate-overview/special-curriculum/>) section of the Catalog).

COCC can customize training so employees gain the specific knowledge they need to perform their job duties and contribute to a more productive and profitable business. Visit Continuing Education's professional development website (<https://www.cocc.edu/departments/continuinged/professional-development.aspx>) for more information.

Small Business Development Center

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Central Oregon Community College is focused on helping build Oregon's best businesses. The SBDC offers no-cost one-to-one advising and business-related educational workshops. Experienced staff advisers are available to meet with businesses by appointment throughout the tri-county region. In addition, the SBDC offers:

- Practical workshops on business start-up, planning and growth
- A year-long Small Business Management program
- SCALE Oregon services for larger traded-sector companies
- Capital access assistance
- Strategic market research

The goal of the SBDC at COCC is to have a positive impact on the growth and sustainability of Central Oregon businesses. Please visit the Small Business Development Center website (<https://www.cocc.edu/departments/continuinged/small-business-development-center/default.aspx>) or call 541-383-7290 for more information.

Youth Programs and YouthCamp@COCC

COCC's Continuing Education department offers a number of classes and camps for youth under the age of 16. YouthCamp@COCC is the most recognized program offered with more than 30 camps per summer. Each of the four campuses hosts at least one camp for youth ages 10-14. In addition, classes are offered throughout the year for youth, or for youth and parents or guardians to enjoy together. With an eye toward the future, youth can explore potential career and college options by attending classes and camps on the COCC campuses.

Registration

Registration information is provided on the Continuing Education website (<http://cocc.edu/continuinged/>) and in the Continuing Education class schedule, which is published each term. Registrations are processed as received. Students may register by phone, mail, fax, online or in person.

Fees

Full payment of fees is required at the time of registration. Students may pay with Visa, MasterCard, Discover, check or cash.

Age Requirements

Anyone age 16 or older may attend Continuing Education classes or workshops. Youth under age 16 may attend classes and camps in the Youth Program as indicated in each course description.

Adult Basic Skills

Adult Basic Skills (ABS) Non-credit Classes

The Adult Basic Skills department is comprised of two programs, English Language Learning (ELL) and Adult Basic and Adult Secondary Education (ABE/ASE). The goal of these programs is that students will have academic achievements and basic skills necessary to participate effectively as engaged community, family members and employees, and to succeed in college.

The English Language Learning (ELL) program is designed for adults who need to learn the English language. Classes focus on speaking, understanding, reading and writing skill development.

The Adult Basic Education/Adult Secondary Education (ABE/ASE) program provides instruction in basic communication, math, study skills and basic computer skills to prepare students for a variety of purposes including college and GED Exam preparation and employment. Classes include Essentials of Communication and Essentials of Math.

Students may attend day or evening sessions, depending on the location. Required orientation and registration sessions are held during the first week of each term. Please visit the Adult Basics Skills website (<https://www.cocc.edu/departments/adult-basic-skills/>) or call 541-504-2950 for exact times and locations.

ELL classes are offered in Bend, Redmond and Madras. Communication and math classes are offered in Bend, Redmond, Prineville, Madras and Warm Springs.

Partnerships

COCC routinely develops and supports partnerships with local, regional, statewide and industry organizations in order to achieve the College's mission. Several examples of learning options are listed below.

Oregon State University - Cascades

COCC and Oregon State University (OSU) partner to offer students a Degree Partnership Program. As part of the program, students are admitted to and can take courses at both institutions. Benefits include:

- Financial aid and scholarship benefits are combined,
- Additional course offerings and choice of times through COCC,
- Guidance to stay on track toward an OSU degree while fulfilling lower division courses at COCC,
- A strong connection to COCC and OSU faculty,
- COCC courses are charged the COCC tuition rate, which results in lower tuition overall.

The program works well for students intending to earn their bachelor's degree through OSU-Cascades, but also applies to programs at any of the OSU campuses, including its eCampus programs. For general information about the partnership, visit OSU's (<https://partnerships.oregonstate.edu/students/>) or OSU-Cascades' information (<https://osucascades.edu/admissions/cocc-degree-partnership-program/>) pages.

Area High Schools

Dual Credit/College Now

This program offers high school students the opportunity to earn college credit for certain courses they complete in their schools. High school courses are aligned with collegiate career and technical education and transfer course curricula and are taught by qualified high school teachers. Courses offered vary by high school and by term; students must be enrolled in their high school but do not have to be admitted to COCC, and must pay a \$25/credit fee.

Expanded Options

Expanded options is an Oregon program that allows, under specific circumstances, high school students to enroll in COCC credit courses offered at a COCC campus at no charge to them for tuition, fees, supplies and books. Each high school determines eligibility and participation requirements. Students should consult their high school counselor or ASPIRE coordinator for more information.

Articulation Agreements

COCC enters into articulation agreements about specific majors to assist students in transferring. A list of current articulation agreements is available on the COCC website (<https://www.cocc.edu/departments/admissions/grades-and-student-records/articulation-and-partnership-agreements.aspx>).