

Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development
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Agency Report

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3. *Major Areas:* The mission of the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (ODCCWD) is to contribute leadership and resources to increase the skills, knowledge and career opportunities of Oregonians.

4. *Departmental Statement:* The department, with local education and workforce partners, manages resources from the state of Oregon supporting Oregon's community colleges; federal resources supporting WorkSource Oregon career centers, adult basic skills, career and technical education, and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs; and lottery funds supporting the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. ODCCWD policy 586-024 adopts all Oregon Department of Administrative guidance including adherence to SB770 and Oregon Revised Statute 182.162 through 182.168. ODCCWD engages in ongoing collaboration with the nine federally-recognized tribes in order to accomplish the agency mission.

5. *Solutions and Programs:* The department participates in the regularly scheduled Government to Government education cluster meetings and activities. This includes quarterly meetings for the cluster, as well as special informational and educational activities related to postsecondary education and workforce development. The department provides information to the cluster regarding legislative issues, program elements, and pertinent information regarding community college and workforce system activities.

During the calendar year of 2013 the department consulted with cluster members and discussed education-related legislation that emerged during the legislative session. Reports were given on the following legislation/initiatives:

- An update on Credit for Prior Learning in Oregon and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. The department provided information on this task force work and received feedback on how students benefit from good policy in this arena.
- An update on the General Education Development test and fee structure. The department provided an update on changes to the GED program.

The department also provided information about 2013-14 Tuition and Fees for Oregon community colleges. Additionally the department consulted with the cluster regarding the definition of college and career readiness as related to the work of the Lumina funded Core to College grant. The Core to College alignment director, Dr. Lisa Reynolds, provided the framework for the cluster and received valuable input on the draft definition. These efforts are ongoing.

6. Tools and Training:

The department receives direct notification of training and informational sessions from the Legislative Commission on Indian Services and promotes opportunities for staff participation at department meetings and through e-mail. The department had staff participate in training from the Department of Administrative Services including Tribal Information Day 2013 and the Sovereignty Basics workshop. Additionally, both the interim executive director and deputy commissioner plan to attend the annual Governor's summit fall of 2013. The department coordinates activities with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Oregon Student Access Commission, Oregon University System and other education institutions, and is a member of the Native Connect listserv. The department also participated in the cluster handbook development.