

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 one-stop career centers, adult basic skills 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 (see #6 below). 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 2008 this included work on the statewide Oregon Financial Aid Exchange system (OFAX). This system is a co-enrollment project developed to exchange enrollment information between schools for students who are enrolled at more than one eligible institution (Source: Oregon Student Assistance Commission). The department provided information on the Articulation Transfer Linked Audit System (ATLAS) implementation timeline for Oregon. This system provides a statewide degree auditing service for students (Source: Oregon University System). The department sought input from the education cluster for career readiness initiatives and career technical education program development, as well as participated in strategic plan activities.

*6. Tools and Training:*

The department key contact and liaison participate in training from the Department of Administrative Services including Tribal Information Day 2008 and the Sovereignty Basics workshop. Additionally, the department has participated in the 2008 Northwest Indian Education Summit hosted by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla as well as the 2008 Tribal-State Summit co-hosted by the State of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw. The department provided input to the planning of that annual summit as well. The department participates in the annual Native American Higher Education Issues meeting and coordinates activities with the Oregon University System and other post-secondary institutions. The major community college emphasis for the 2008 meeting is affordable tuition and access/success for students. This emphasis will carry into 2009 as the student success plan is implemented with participation and dialogue from the education cluster.

Oregon Student Assistance Commission. (2008). Oregon Financial Aid Exchange.  
<http://www.osac.state.or.us/ofax.html>

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