

ABOUT COCC

For nearly 70 years, Central Oregon Community College has served the citizens of its District, students from within the District, elsewhere in Oregon and throughout the United States by offering a wide range of learning opportunities.

One of the principal attributes of COCC is its emphasis on quality instruction. This is complemented by small classes and the opportunity for all students to enjoy close, caring relationships with the College's faculty and staff.

HISTORY

Central Oregon Community College was founded in 1949 as part of the Bend School District. It is the longest standing community college in Oregon. The College District was formed in 1959 and officially established as the Central Oregon Area Education District by a vote of residents in 1962. The original Bend campus opened more than 50 years ago, in 1964.

Donald P. Pence served first as director of the College (from 1950 to 1957) and then as the first president (from 1957 to 1967). Dr. Frederick H. Boyle was president from 1967 through 1990. Dr. Robert L. Barber was the third president in the College's history and served through 2004. Dr. James E. Middleton served for 10 years, from 2004 to 2014. Dr. Shirley Metcalf, appointed first as interim president in 2014 and then into the permanent role in 2015, is the College's fifth president.

OUR DISTRICT

The Central Oregon Community College District encompasses all of Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties, as well as the southern part of Wasco and northern portions of Klamath and Lake counties. A seven-member board of directors governs the College, with members of that board elected from geographic zones in the District. The District covers a 10,000-square-mile area, making it larger than eight of the U.S. states.

OUR CAMPUSES

The College's main campus is located on the western edge of Bend, a city known for its natural beauty and proximity to diverse recreational opportunities. The 200-acre Bend campus offers quiet, peaceful surroundings for study and reflection. With its location on the western slope of Awbrey Butte, students have a spectacular view of the Oregon Cascade mountain range from nearly every point on the grounds. The campus contains 26 buildings with a total of 575,000 square feet. The newest building is the 330-bed Wickiup Residence Hall which opened in September 2015.

On the 25-acre Redmond Campus, there are four buildings, housing administration, classrooms and a computer lab. The new Redmond Technology Education Center opened in Fall 2014, housing state-of-the-art facilities and programs.

In 2011, COCC opened new campuses in Madras and Prineville. The Madras Campus was funded by the 2009 bond measure and placed on land donated to COCC by the local Bean Foundation. The COCC Crook County Open Campus was funded jointly by the bond measure and a grant to Crook County from the U.S. Department of Commerce Broadband Technology Opportunity Program, and is on land donated by the County.

All campuses offer credit and non-credit courses and the necessary student services to help assure student success.

BOARD VISION AND GOALS

Mission Statement

Central Oregon Community College promotes student success and community enrichment by providing quality, accessible, lifelong educational opportunities.

Vision Statement

To achieve student success and community enrichment, COCC fosters student completion of academic goals, prepares students for employment, assists regional employers and promotes equitable achievement for the diverse students and communities we serve.

CORE THEMES

The Board has adopted five core themes that manifest the essential elements of COCC's mission. The core themes are:

Institutional Sustainability

Students will have the opportunity to be successful because the College has planned and invested appropriately to ensure sustainability of high quality programs, services and facilities that support student learning and educational achievement.

Transfer and Articulation

Students will have the academic achievement and skills necessary to transfer and articulate successfully to institutions of higher learning beyond the community college level.

Workforce Development

Students of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs will be prepared for employment and advanced education through the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to meet current industry needs.

Basic Skills

Students will have academic achievements and basic learning skills necessary to participate effectively as engaged community and family members, and employees, and to succeed at the college level.

Lifelong Learning

Participants in lifelong learning will have access to learning opportunities in the areas of Enrichment, Professional Development, Technology and Wellness.

ACCREDITATION

Central Oregon Community College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Accreditation was most recently reaffirmed in 2012. Accreditation of an institution of higher education by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality evaluated through a peer review process. An accredited college or university is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation.

Accreditation by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities is not partial but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution.

Inquiries regarding an institution's accredited status by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution.

Individuals may also contact:

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
8060 165th Avenue N.E., Suite 100
Redmond, WA 98052
425.558.4224
nwccu.org

A copy of COCC's official accreditation documentation is on reserve and available for review in the Barber Library during regular library hours. Questions regarding accreditation should be addressed to the vice president for instruction.

OUR FACULTY

COCC has 130 full-time faculty members, 50 adjunct faculty (semi-permanent faculty on annual contracts) and approximately 150 part-time instructors per term. The College's faculty is a committed, professional group of educators, which provides stimulating and meaningful learning experiences for the College's students. Faculty members serve as advisors to individual students, assisting them in planning academic programs and schedules. All COCC faculty are required to have at least a master's degree or equivalent training. Within the institution, there is strong motivation for continuing professional improvement by all faculty and administrators. About 40 percent of the faculty have doctorates in their disciplines, which is a very high percentage for a community college.

OUR STUDENTS

Nearly 9,500 students enrolled in credit classes at COCC last year. Each quarter, approximately 2,000 full-time and 4,000 part-time students are enrolled. While more than half of the students are under the age of 24, another quarter are 35 and older. About 30 percent of the students enroll in career and technical education programs and take career-oriented courses of study. The remainder enroll in courses that form the freshman and sophomore years of a four-year college program. Students in such a program usually intend to transfer to another college or university for their junior and senior years.

THE COCC FOUNDATION

Education changes lives. For more than 60 years, Central Oregon Community College Foundation scholarships have enabled students to learn new skills, earn technical certificates, complete two-year associate's degrees and be prepared to pursue the remainder of their undergraduate studies at a college or university. Students can apply for an annual scholarship for the next academic year from December 15 – July 15.

The COCC Foundation is the oldest community college foundation in Oregon. Its assets have grown significantly over the years, from the first gift of \$500 in 1955 to nearly \$20 million today. In addition to scholarship support, the COCC Foundation also provides support in a variety of ways, from supporting departmental programs to providing support for the Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program. For 2015-2016, the COCC Foundation awarded more than 400 scholarships totaling \$1.5 million. For more information, call 541.383.7225, or visit: cocc.edu/foundation.