

## Central Oregon Community College Benefits for Adjunct Faculty, Represented by Faculty Forum

**NOTE: Adjunct faculty must teach 24.5 load units (LU) per academic year or 30 load units per calendar year to qualify for benefits. Benefits are prorated at .50 FTE between 24.5 – 37.9 LU and .75 FTE at 38 + LU.**

COCC offers a comprehensive package of employer and employee paid benefits. Through Oregon Educators Benefits Board (OEBB), options are available that best fit the needs of employees and their families, including domestic partners. Health benefits are available on the first day of the month following the employee's date of hire. The plan year is October 1 through September 30.

**Medical/RX insurance** is offered through **Moda Health**. **Dental** Plans are offered through **Moda Health** and **Willamette Dental Group**. **Vision** coverage is offered through **Moda Health**. Domestic partner coverage is available; imputed tax values apply. Child dependents are covered to the age of 26. The College contributes a negotiated premium amount; the coverage options dictate the employee's premium contribution. The primary top package (Medical/RX, Dental, & Vision) costs the employee **\$73** per month. Eligible dependents may be added to coverage plans for an additional cost.

A **Flexible Spending Account** is offered through **PacificSource Administrators** and allows for savings with pre-tax dollars, which are set aside for additional Health Related Expenses (HRE) and/or Dependent Care Expenses (DCE).

After six months of employment, you become a member of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan, administered by the **Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)** <http://oregon.gov/PERS/>. The College pays the employee's required contribution of six percent (of the employee's annual salary) to the program.

Academic-year **holidays** include Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving (2 days), Martin Luther King Day, and Memorial Day.

Six days of paid **sick leave** are accrued at the start of each academic year and are prorated by an FTE of .50 or .75. Sick leave does NOT carry over from year to year.

A College-provided confidential **Employee Assistance Program** through OEBB and **Reliant Behavior Health** is provided for employees and dependents. This program allows for five visits to a counselor per plan year, along with many other support tools and resources.

Employees may enjoy a **20% discount at the College Bookstore** on most purchases. This *excludes* textbooks, electronics, CD's, videos, and all food/beverage items. (Discount is for employees only, not dependents.)

Employee, spouses, domestic partner, and children up to the age of 25 shall be allowed to enroll in credit/non-credit courses, as either a part-time or full-time student, free of **tuition** cost. Does not include materials or lab fees. Imputed tax values apply to domestic partnership.

Employees may ride the Bend public transportation **Cascades East Transit** free of charge with a staff ID badge. Badges are available at the College Information Office located in the Boyle Education Center lobby.

Employees may use all **College recreation facilities** at no cost. Family members may use facilities by paying the quarterly usage fee. The College also has an established Staff Wellness program that offers a variety of activities and health resources.

### Additional Optional Benefits

**Medical Leave Assistance Program (MLAP)** Employees may enroll in this voluntary contribution program to receive income assistance during critical/serious illness.

**Optional life insurance** may be purchased through **Standard Insurance** for the employee and eligible dependents.

**Long-term Care Insurance** may be purchased through **Unum** via voluntary payroll deduction. The program is available to full-time and part-time benefit eligible employees, dependents, and their family members.

Participation in approved **Tax-Sheltered Annuities**, which allows contributions to be made with "pre-tax" dollars.

**457 Deferred Compensation Plan - Oregon Savings Growth Plan** is a pre-tax savings/investing program similar to TSAs (403(b)), IRAs, and 401(k)s. It allows employees to save additional funds for retirement through payroll deduction, and to choose investment options that range from conservative to aggressive based on individual needs.