

# **Oregon Higher Education Mission Statements**

## **OICA INSTITUTIONS**

### **Concordia University**

Concordia University is a Christian University preparing leaders for the transformation of society.

### **Corban College & Graduate School**

To educate Christians who will make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ.

### **George Fox University**

George Fox University, a Christ-centered community, prepares students spiritually, academically, and professionally to think with clarity, act with integrity, and serve with passion.

### **Lewis & Clark College**

The mission of Lewis & Clark is to know the traditions of the liberal arts, to test their boundaries through ongoing exploration, and to hand on to successive generations the tools and discoveries of this quest. By these means the institution pursues the aims of all liberal learning: to seek knowledge for its own sake and to prepare for civic leadership.

Lewis & Clark carries out this mission through undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences and postgraduate programs in the closely related professions of education, counseling, and law. Lewis & Clark mounts these programs as both separately valid and mutually supportive enterprises. In all its endeavors it seeks to be a community of scholars who are alive to inquiry, open to diversity, and disciplined to work in an interdependent world.

### **Linfield College**

Linfield College advances a vision of learning, life, and community that

- promotes intellectual challenge and creativity,
- values both theoretical and practical knowledge,
- engages thoughtful dialogue in a climate of mutual respect,
- honors the rich texture of diverse cultures and varied ways of understanding,
- piques curiosity for a lifetime of inquiry,
- and inspires the courage to live by moral and spiritual principle and to defend freedom of conscience.

### **Marylhurst University**

Marylhurst University is a private institution of higher learning open to men and women of any race or religion. It is dedicated to making innovative post-secondary education accessible to self-directed students of any age. Marylhurst offers coursework leading to bachelor's and master's degrees, and to other goals such as career transition, professional development and personal enrichment.

Animated by its Catholic and liberal arts heritage, Marylhurst emphasizes the uniqueness and dignity of each person, and is committed to the examination of values, as well as to quality academic and professional training. Marylhurst University seeks to aid students in advancing their goals for responsible participation in a rapidly changing world by pursuing, and encouraging its students to pursue, the ideals of competence, leadership and service.

### **Multnomah University**

*Institutional Mission Statement:*

The institutional mission of Multnomah is to educate, equip, and enrich Christians for leadership in their church, their community, and their world.

*Multnomah Bible College Mission Statement:*

The mission of Multnomah Bible College is to produce, through collegiate education, biblically competent, culturally aware, maturing servants of Jesus Christ, whose love for God, His Word, and people shapes their lives into a transforming force in the church and world.

*Multnomah Biblical Seminary Mission Statement:*

Multnomah Biblical Seminary is committed to the following mission: To develop, through accredited graduate-level education, biblically and professionally competent servant-leaders of Jesus Christ who will positively impact their church, their region, and their world.

**National College of Natural Medicine**

To educate and train physicians and practitioners in the art and science of natural medicine.

**Northwest Christian**

To develop competent, ethical leaders for service in the workplace, community, church and world.

**Oregon College of Art and Craft**

Oregon College of Art & Craft is dedicated to excellence in teaching art through craft, contributing significantly to the continuity of contemporary craft as an artistic expression.

**Oregon College of Oriental Medicine**

The mission of Oregon College of Oriental Medicine is to transform health care by educating highly skilled and compassionate practitioners, providing exemplary patient care, and engaging in innovative research within a community of service and healing.

**Pacific Northwest College of Art**

PNCA's mission is to transform students into knowledgeable, articulate, practicing visual artists and designers with the ability to significantly contribute in original ways to the ongoing dialogue in art that shapes our culture. We welcome you to our College and encourage you to delve deeply into all that PNCA has to offer. We are here to help you realize your hopes and aspirations of becoming an artist or designer and we are committed to giving you the finest possible education in the visual arts.

**Pacific University**

Pacific is a nationally recognized University devoted to excellence in teaching and learning. A commitment to collaborative scholarly and creative activities promotes a vibrant academic culture. Our campus community is enriched by embracing sustainable practices, by appreciating diverse perspectives, and being dedicated to civic engagement, both locally and globally.

**Reed College**

Reed College is an institution of higher education in the liberal arts devoted to the intrinsic value of intellectual pursuit and governed by the highest standards of scholarly practice, critical thought, and creativity. Its undergraduate program of study, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts, is demanding and intense and balances breadth of knowledge across the curriculum with depth of knowledge in a particular field of study. The goal of the Reed education is that students learn and demonstrate rigor and independence in their habits of thought, inquiry and expression.

**University of Portland**

University of Portland is an independently governed Catholic university, a community of scholars composed of people of diverse races, ages, nationalities, and religions. Devoted since its inception in 1901 to a mission with three central tenets — teaching, faith, and service — the University is committed to the liberal arts as the foundation of learning, and offers a curriculum of arts, sciences, humanities, and professional programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The University provides recognized leadership and leaders to the community and to the world through the quality and innovation of its programs and the preparation and contributions of its graduates. The University provides excellent teaching and individual attention in an environment that fosters development of the whole person. Central to the daily life of the University is a concern with issues of justice and ethical behavior. The University encourages service to God and neighbor.

**University of Western States**

The mission of University of Western States is to educate students in the art, science, and philosophy of chiropractic; to cultivate those skills and attitudes that will foster clinical decision-making based on established chiropractic procedures, scientific knowledge, integrity, and a genuine concern for humankind; and to prepare its students for their role as primary care physicians, competent in diagnosis and in the chiropractic management of patients' health

care needs. The College is also committed to sponsoring active research, programs for post-graduate education, training for related health fields, and services which benefit the general community.

### **Warner Pacific College**

Warner Pacific is an urban Christ-centered liberal arts college dedicated to providing students from diverse backgrounds an education that prepares them for the spiritual, moral, social, vocational and technological challenges of the 21st century.

### **Western Seminary**

Western Seminary serves as a catalyst and resource for spiritual transformation by providing, with and for the church, advanced training for strategic ministry roles.

To be most effective, Christian organizations must discern the distinctive contribution that God would have them make to His kingdom program. To try to do everything is both foolish and arrogant. Western, therefore, focuses its ministry upon providing advanced training to individuals who aspire to, or who currently serve in, strategic ministry roles so they can become agents of spiritual transformation in the lives of others. Recognizing the critical role that leaders play with respect to how effectively the church fulfills its God-given mission, Western gives special emphasis to training pastors and related ministry leaders (whether vocational, bi-vocational or avocational).

While this ministry seeks to serve the church, it is also done in active partnership with the church because local congregations occupy a unique place of priority in the outworking of God's redemptive plan. Furthermore, biblical synergy results when the distinctive resources of the seminary and church unite in this equipping task.

Western also partners with selected parachurch ministries (particularly those organizations that value the local church and honor it in their ministry philosophy and practice) in the equipping of their staff.

A key part of Western's vision is to provide education that is thoroughly biblical in its conviction, faithfully conservative in its theology, passionately spiritual at its core, intensely missional in its focus, creatively flexible in its delivery, and warmly relational in its dynamic. In so doing, Western seeks to be both a proactive influence and an ongoing source of support for the body of Christ as it matures spiritually and increases in fruitfulness. To that end, special emphasis is given to grounding students in the classical dynamics of spiritual renewal for both individuals and groups.

### **Willamette University**

Willamette University is an independent, nonsectarian institution of higher learning founded in 1842, which educates men and women in the liberal arts and in selected professional fields. The University's mission now extends far beyond from the Oregon Territory and the Pacific Northwest to encompass the larger world beyond. In its pursuits, Willamette University:

- \* cherishes the dignity and worth of all individuals, and strives to reflect the diversity of our world;
- \* encourages close relationships among faculty, students, and staff to enhance learning and foster community;
- \* provides a lively and challenging education in a small university setting where teaching and learning are strengthened by ongoing scholarship and research;
- \* embraces a commitment to service and leadership in our various communities and professions;
- \* honors its historic roots in The United Methodist Church and values the ethical and spiritual dimension of education;
- \* believes that education is a lifelong process of discovery, delight, and growth, the hallmark of a humane life.

## **OREGON UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

### **Eastern Oregon University**

EOU guides student inquiry through integrated, high-quality liberal arts and professional programs that lead to responsible and reflective action in a diverse and interconnected world.

As an educational, cultural and scholarly center, EOU connects the rural regions of Oregon to a wider world. Our beautiful setting and small size enhance the personal attention our students receive, while partnerships with colleges, universities, agencies and communities add to the educational possibilities of our region and state.

### **Oregon Health and Science University**

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) is the state's only comprehensive public academic health center. Its fundamental purpose is to improve the health and well being of people in Oregon and beyond. A ten-member Board of Directors nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate governs the university.

As part of its multifaceted public mission, OHSU strives for excellence in education, research and scholarship, clinical practice and community service. Through its dynamic interdisciplinary environment, OHSU stimulates the spirit of inquiry, initiative, and cooperation among students, faculty and staff.

Setting the example for integrity, compassion and leadership, OHSU strives to:

- \* Educate tomorrow's health professionals, scientists, engineers and managers in top-tier programs that prepare them for a lifetime of learning, leadership and contribution.
- \* Explore new basic, clinical and applied research frontiers in health and biomedical sciences, environmental and biomedical engineering and information sciences, and translate these discoveries, wherever possible, into applications in the health and commercial sectors.
- \* Deliver excellence in health care, emphasizing the creation and implementation of new knowledge and cutting-edge technologies.
- \* Lead and advocate for programs that improve health for all Oregonians, and extend OHSU's education, research and healthcare missions through community service, partnerships and outreach.

### **Oregon Institute of Technology**

Oregon Institute of Technology, the only public institute of technology in the Pacific Northwest, provides degree programs in engineering and health technologies, management, communications and applied sciences that prepare students to be effective participants in their professional, public and international communities. Six objectives are central to our mission:

1. Provide degree programs that enable graduates to obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for immediate employment.
2. Enable students to be effective communicators, responsible citizens and lifelong learners by assisting them in the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills, and ethical and cultural awareness.
3. Offer continuing and distance education and advanced professional studies to meet the emerging needs of today's citizens.
4. Provide informational and technical expertise to regional, state, national and global publics in applied research.
5. Develop and maintain partnerships with public and private institutions, business and industry, and government agencies to ensure quality programs that meet the needs of students and the organizations that employ them.
6. Provide statewide access to address the needs of the Oregon workforce. This statement of mission and objectives for OIT was approved by the State Board of Higher Education on Dec. 19, 1999.

### **Oregon State University**

As a land grant institution committed to teaching, research, and outreach and engagement, Oregon State University promotes economic, social, cultural and environmental progress for the people of Oregon, the nation and the world. This mission is achieved by producing graduates competitive in the global economy, supporting a continuous search for new knowledge and solutions, and maintaining a rigorous focus on academic excellence, particularly in the three Signature Areas: Advancing the Science of Sustainable Earth Ecosystems; Improving Human Health and Wellness; and Promoting Economic Growth and Social Progress.

### **Portland State University**

The mission of Portland State University is to enhance the intellectual, social, cultural and economic qualities of urban life by providing access throughout the life span to a quality liberal education for undergraduates and an appropriate array of professional and graduate programs especially relevant to metropolitan areas. The University conducts research and community service that support a high quality educational environment and reflect issues important to the region. It actively promotes the development of a network of educational institutions to serve the community.

### **Southern Oregon University**

Southern Oregon University is an inclusive campus community dedicated to student success, intellectual growth, and responsible global citizenship.

Southern Oregon University is committed to:

- \* a challenging and practical liberal arts education centered on student learning, accessibility, and civic engagement;
- \* academic programs, partnerships, public service, outreach, sustainable practices, and economic development activities that address regional needs such as health and human services, business, and education; and
- \* outstanding programs that draw on and enrich our unique arts community and bioregion.

### **University of Oregon**

The University of Oregon is a comprehensive research university that serves its students and the people of Oregon, the nation, and the world through the creation and transfer of knowledge in the liberal arts, the natural and social sciences, and the professions. It is the Association of American Universities flagship institution of the Oregon University System.

The university is a community of scholars dedicated to the highest standards of academic inquiry, learning, and service. Recognizing that knowledge is the fundamental wealth of civilization, the university strives to enrich the public that sustains it through

- a commitment to undergraduate education, with a goal of helping the individual learn to question critically, think logically, communicate clearly, act creatively, and live ethically
- a commitment to graduate education to develop creators and innovators who will generate new knowledge and shape experience for the benefit of humanity
- a recognition that research, both basic and applied, is essential to the intellectual health of the university, as well as to the enrichment of the lives of Oregonians, by energizing the state's economic, cultural, and political structure
- the establishment of a framework for lifelong learning that leads to productive careers and to the enduring joy of inquiry
- the integration of teaching, research, and service as mutually enriching enterprises that together accomplish the university's mission and support its spirit of community
- the acceptance of the challenge of an evolving social, political, and technological environment by welcoming and guiding change rather than reacting to it
- a dedication to the principles of equality of opportunity and freedom from unfair discrimination for all members of the university community and an acceptance of true diversity as an affirmation of individual identity within a welcoming community
- a commitment to international awareness and understanding, and to the development of a faculty and student body that are capable of participating effectively in a global society
- the conviction that freedom of thought and expression is the bedrock principle on which university activity is based
- the cultivation of an attitude toward citizenship that fosters a caring, supportive atmosphere on campus and the wise exercise of civic responsibilities and individual judgment throughout life
- a continuing commitment to affordable public higher education

### **Western Oregon University**

Western Oregon University is a comprehensive university that creates personalized learning opportunities, supports the advancement of knowledge for the public good and maximizes individual and professional development. Our environment is open to the exchange of ideas, where discovery, creativity and critical thinking flourish, and students succeed.

## **COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

### **Blue Mountain Community College**

Blue Mountain Community College will realize its vision by providing high-quality programs for college preparation, college transfer, career/technical, workforce development, and self-improvement that will strengthen the economy and provide opportunities for personal and professional growth.

The College provides dynamic and innovative programs and delivery methods in response to the changing needs of our

customers: the students, businesses, industries, and communities of eastern Oregon.

### **Central Oregon Community College**

Central Oregon Community College will be a leader in regionally and globally responsive adult, lifelong, postsecondary education for Central Oregon.

### **Chemeketa Community College**

We are committed to transforming lives and communities through exceptional learning experiences.

### **Clackamas Community College**

The mission of Clackamas Community College is to serve the people of the college district with quality education and training opportunities:

- \* as a two-year college accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges;
- \* as a publically supported, community-based organization, governed by a locally-elected Board of Education;
- \* through programs and courses in professional-technical, liberal arts and sciences (college transfer), basic skills, adult interests, and custom-designed courses and support services;
- \* within available resources from student tuition and fees, local property taxes, state funds, and additional resource development activities (i.e., state and federal grants, individual and corporate gifts, etc.).

### **Clatsop Community College**

It is our purpose to build an educational community that provides open access to high quality learning opportunities for the people of our region, and prepares them for full and productive participation in a dynamic world. In fulfillment of this purpose we commit ourselves to being

#### *Learner Centered*

- \* Providing a student-centered learning environment
- \* Maintaining our open admission policy with equal educational access and opportunity
- \* Being learners ourselves, maintaining currency and creativity in both the content and delivery of our educational programs

#### *A Comprehensive Community College*

- \* Providing lower division transfer courses and programs
- \* Providing a variety of professional technical courses and programs
- \* Providing developmental courses and programs, and remedial assistance
- \* Providing continuous learning opportunities

#### *Accountable for Student Learning*

- \* Ensuring that students graduating from Clatsop Community College will have demonstrated the ability to:
  - o Communicate effectively through writing, speaking, and imagery
  - o Solve problems with current and emerging discipline-appropriate technology
  - o Act with integrity
  - o Understand and appreciate diversity
  - o Work competently through knowledge of content, mastery of skills, and effective work habits
  - o Work effectively individually, collaboratively, and as a leader
  - o Solve problems through critical and creative thinking
  - o Demonstrate the skills and tools needed for life-long learning

#### *Community Focused*

- \* Fostering positive and productive relationships in order to develop and improve College programs
- \* Participating in the activities of community-based organizations
- \* Encouraging public input
- \* Promoting and maintaining the College as both cultural and educational center for the community

#### *A Quality Employer*

- \* Attracting and retaining the best qualified faculty and staff
- \* Providing a congenial, cooperative atmosphere that supports employee participation
- \* Promoting employee job satisfaction, performance, and advancement opportunities
- \* Maintaining a firm commitment to equal opportunity in pursuit of being a more diverse community

*Here for Our Future*

- \* Continuously reviewing the educational and facilities needs of the College
- \* Continuously engaging in effective long range planning
- \* Effectively and efficiently managing the resources of the College in support of our learner-centered educational purposes
- \* Adapting our programs to educational and technological advancements

**Columbia Gorge Community College**

Columbia Gorge Community College builds dreams and transforms lives by providing lifelong educational programs that strengthen our community.

**Klamath Community College**

Klamath Community College offers quality learning opportunities that enhance growth and development for the individuals, businesses, and organizations within our greater community.

**Lane Community College**

Lane Community College is a comprehensive community college whose mission is to provide accessible, high quality, affordable, lifelong education through:

- \* Vocational/career preparation and retraining,
- \* Skill upgrading,
- \* Lower division transfer programs,
- \* Personal development and enrichment, and
- \* Cultural and community services.

**Linn-Benton Community College**

Linn-Benton Community College supports the dreams of our students by providing comprehensive programs and services that are innovative and accessible. We are passionately committed to meeting the educational needs of individuals, businesses, and our communities through learner-centered and life-changing experiences.

**Mt. Hood Community College**

Transforming Lives / Building Communities

**Oregon Coast Community College**

To provide personalized service:

*For Individuals:*

- \* Programs for adults of all ages and economic levels;
- \* Learning opportunities for personal growth and self-worth;
- \* Transfer, Vocational, and community education classes throughout the county;
- \* Local college educational alternatives for young people;
- \* Tuition and fees at reasonable levels;
- \* Grant and scholarship opportunities.

*For Community:*

- \* Cultural enrichment;
- \* Development of human resources within the county;
- \* Focus on higher education degree programs;
- \* Local resource utilization;
- \* Community service.

*For Business and Industry:*

- \* Small business assistance;
- \* Educational support for economic development;
- \* Partnerships with local organizations;
- \* Programs to upgrade employee skills.

### **Portland Community College**

Portland Community College provides quality education in an atmosphere that encourages the full realization of each individual's potential. The college offers students of all ages, races, cultures, economic levels, and previous educational experience opportunities for personal growth and attainment of their goals. To achieve its mission Portland Community College offers accessible and affordable education to the residents of its 1,500 square mile district and to the residents of its service districts.

As a public, comprehensive, post-secondary institution, this multi-campus college offers lower division college transfer programs, occupational and technical programs, basic skills education, and community education programs. Partnerships with business, industry, labor, educational institutions and public sector agencies provide training opportunities for the local workforce and promote economic development. Through effective teaching and supportive student services, Portland Community College prepares students for success as individuals, members of a democratic society, and citizens of a rapidly changing world.

### **Rogue Community College**

Rogue Community College provides quality education to help learners achieve their goals, and to support the social, civic, cultural, and economic vitality of our diverse community.

### **Southwestern Oregon Community College**

Southwestern provides quality learning opportunities!

### **Tillamook Bay Community College**

TBCC provides access to quality education in response to the needs of our community.

### **Treasure Valley Community College**

TVCC is a comprehensive rural community college providing excellent quality educational opportunities and cultural enhancement in a financially responsible manner throughout our service area.

### **Umpqua Community College**

Umpqua Community College provides accessible and affordable quality college education, life-long learning opportunities, workforce training, and cultural programs for our communities.