

## Chronological History of the Institutions of the Oregon University System

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1856	Monmouth University chartered by Territorial Legislature
1858	Precursor to OSU, Corvallis College, established and incorporated as an academy by Methodist Episcopal Church, South
1867	Medical education begun at Willamette University in Salem; moved to Portland in 1877
1868	Agricultural College of the State of Oregon designated by Legislature under the Morrill Act and legislature approved attaching it to privately owned Corvallis College
1869	Precursor to Southern Oregon Normal School founded in Ashland by Methodist Episcopal Church in Ashland
1872	University of the State of Oregon created in Eugene
1882	Oregon State Normal Schools officially designated with state support
1887	University of Oregon Board of Regents grant charter for a University of Oregon Medical School to begin operation in northwest Portland
1909	Oregon State Normal School deprived of state support; restored in 1911 by vote of people
1913	Willamette University medical department merged with the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland
1920	Public health nursing program established through University of Oregon's then Portland Division of the School of Sociology
1925	Southern Oregon State Normal School re-established and funded by Oregon legislature
1929	Legislature submits vote to people to establish Eastern Oregon Normal School to serve vast region east of mountains
1929	State Board of Higher Education established
1932	Department of Nursing Education established
1939	The three state normal schools designated Colleges of Education by state
1945	School of Dentistry became University of Oregon Dental School
1946	Vanport Extension Center established to accommodate post war student demand, offering two year general college work, financed principally from student tuition
1949	Emergency Board establishes a vocational rehabilitation school for WWII veterans with classes under direction of Board of Education in Klamath Falls
1949	Legislature authorizes, directs Board of Higher Education to establish "within the borders of Multnomah County a permanent lower division daytime extension center to be administered by the General Extension Division of the State System of Higher Education." Moved from Vanport to the Lincoln High School building and renamed Portland State Extension Center

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- 1953 Legislature approves additions to the Portland State Extension Center to include four-year undergraduate programs. Extension Center not authorized to award degrees to students who completed the four-year study programs; it was necessary for students to apply for their degrees to the universities or state colleges in the State System.
- 1954 Board requests a study of the prospects for a four-year college in Portland
- 1955 Bill introduced and approved establishing Portland State College as part of the State System
- 1956 Southern Oregon College of Education becomes Southern Oregon College; Eastern Oregon College of Education becomes Eastern Oregon College
- 1957 Board of Education authorizes Oregon Technical Institute to award two-year associate degrees
- 1959 Responsibility for governance of Oregon Technical Institute transferred to Board of Higher Education
- 1969 Legislature changes name of Portland State College to Portland State University
- 1973 Eastern Oregon College becomes Eastern Oregon State College; Oregon Technical Institute becomes Oregon Institute of Technology
- 1974 State Board of Higher Education authorizes formation of the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center including Schools of Nursing, Medicine, and Dentistry
- 1975 Southern Oregon College becomes Southern Oregon State College
- 1981 Oregon College of Education becomes Western Oregon State College
- Oregon State Board of Higher Education authorizes name change of University of Oregon Health Sciences Center to Oregon Health Sciences University. Legislation abolishes Health Sciences Center Advisory Council. Complementary legislation designates Board of Higher Education as governing body.
- 1995 Oregon Health Sciences University becomes an affiliate of the State System of Higher Education as a Public Corporation via Senate Bill 2
- 1997 Western Oregon State College becomes Western Oregon University  
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Eastern Oregon State College becomes Eastern Oregon University
- 1998 Oregon State System of Higher Education is renamed Oregon University System
- 2001 Oregon Health Sciences University merges with Oregon Graduate Institute to create Oregon Health and Science University
- Oregon State University - Cascades Campus in Bend opens in the Fall as a successor to the Central Oregon University Center