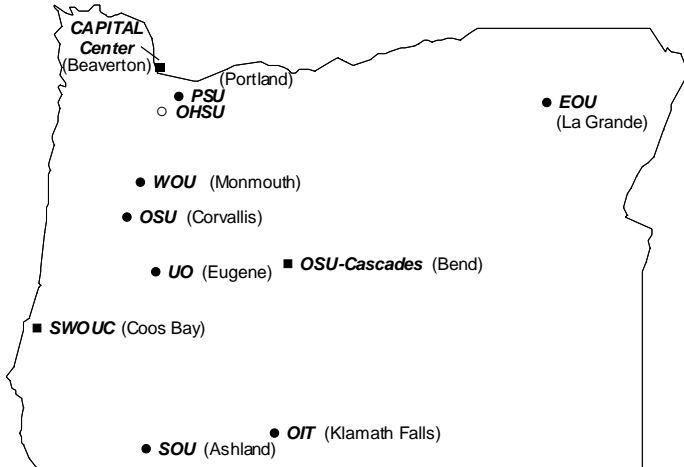




The Mission of the Oregon University System is to:

- Provide affordable access to high-quality postsecondary education for all qualified Oregonians;
- Improve and enrich continuously the lives of the people in the state, the nation, and the world through the pursuit and application of ever-deeper understandings in the sciences, the social sciences, the humanities, the arts, and the professions;
- Infuse learning with the vigorous pursuit of free and open inquiry to assure that Oregon has the capacity to respond effectively to social, economic, and environmental challenges and opportunities.



Southern Oregon University (SOU) provides liberal arts and sciences programs; professional programs in business, education, and performing arts; and a cooperative program in nursing.

The University of Oregon (UO) is a major liberal arts and sciences university with professional programs in architecture and allied arts, business, education, journalism, law, music and performing arts, and planning and public policy.

Western Oregon University (WOU) provides programs in liberal arts and sciences and professional programs in education, business, and public services.

Universities

Eastern Oregon University (EOU) serves its regional mission through programs in the liberal arts; professional programs in business, education, and community service; and cooperative programs in agriculture and nursing.

Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT), the Northwest's only polytechnic institution, serves the state with programs in business, engineering and health technologies, and a cooperative program in nursing.

Oregon State University (OSU) is a land-, space-, and sea-grant university with programs in the liberal arts and sciences and professional programs in agricultural sciences, business, education, engineering, forestry, health and human sciences, oceanography, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine.

OSU - Cascades Campus, successor to the Central Oregon University Center, opened in fall 2001 as a state-of-the-art branch campus on the site of its major partner Central Oregon Community College (COCC) in Bend. OSU and its collaborating public and private program providers offer a wide array of student services and a growing number of degree programs in arts and sciences, business, education, natural resources, and recreation.

Portland State University (PSU) is an urban university offering liberal arts and sciences programs and professional programs in business, education, engineering, health, performing arts, social work, and urban and public affairs.

The Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), an affiliated institution, is a major center for instruction, research, and public service in the fields of medicine, dentistry, nursing, and related health programs. Science and engineering programs are offered through a merger with Oregon Graduate Institute (OGI).

University Centers

The CAPITAL Center in Beaverton and the Southwestern Oregon University Center in Coos Bay are innovative partnerships that include multiple institutions and educational sectors. They provide access to higher education services for adult career enhancement and Oregon's economic development.

In addition, there are numerous collaborations and outreach centers (not shown here) established by individual OUS institutions, typically with community college partners, to increase educational opportunities across the state.

The CAPITAL Center is a cooperative venture among OUS, Portland Community College, Hillsboro and Beaverton School Districts, and industry. This Center offers credit and non-credit programs in business, management, and engineering technology to help meet regional workforce needs.

The Southwestern Oregon University Center (SWOUC) is another OUS/community college collaboration that offers a selection of undergraduate and graduate degree programs on the campus of Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) in Coos Bay.