PREAMBLE AND MISSION STATEMENT FOR EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY
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Preamble

As a proud member of the Oregon University System, Eastern Oregon University's strategy is to serve as the selective public undergraduate institution for Oregon. While offering a high-quality residential undergraduate program, EOU is also recognized as a national leader in providing distance education programs. EOU contributes in key ways to the fulfillment of the mission of the Oregon University System by providing qualified Oregonians throughout the state with the opportunity to access a full range of educational programs.

First, we provide access to a comprehensive range of baccalaureate degree programs for a geographical region comprising close to half the state.

Second, in the area of teacher preparation, we provide a major component of the commitments of the Oregon University System to meet the needs for postsecondary education in central Oregon.

Third, we work with every OUS sister institution Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Southern Oregon University, University of Oregon, Western Oregon University, and Oregon Health Sciences University and a number of community colleges Blue Mountain Community College, Chemeketa Community College, Central Oregon Community College, Mt. Hood Community College, and Treasure Valley Community College to collaboratively and efficiently respond to targeted needs for higher education.

Fourth, we work with corporate partners to meet the needs that corporations anywhere in Oregon have to provide their employees with customized baccalaureate-completion programs designed and delivered in a timely fashion.

Fifth, we extend six baccalaureate degree programs throughout Oregon to meet the educational needs of place- and time-bound citizens. We also extend a Master's of Teacher Education across our region and to targeted areas of need.

Mission

Eastern Oregon University is an exemplary student-centered institution. We are dedicated to serving Oregon and beyond through intellectually challenging and personalized programs of instruction, research, and service. We have a special commitment to the educational, social, cultural, and economic needs of eastern Oregon.