



**Eastern Oregon University**  
(March 2006)

*Mission Statement*

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 Institute of Technology**  
(From OIT Strategic Plan, 2008)

*Mission Statement*

Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon's polytechnic university, provides degree programs and educational opportunities in the applied sciences and technologies, and related areas that prepare students to be effective participants in their professional, public and international communities. A public, polytechnic university, OIT offers superior, accessible education while promoting the application of theory to practice and a balanced education in science, communication, technology and health-related fields.

Six objectives are central to our mission.

- Provide degree programs in engineering, engineering technologies, health technologies, management and applied sciences that enable graduates to obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for immediate employment.
- 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.
- Offer continuing and distance education and advanced professional studies to meet the emerging needs of today's citizens.
- Provide informational and technical expertise to regional, state, national, and global publics in applied research.
- 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.
- Provide statewide access through the university's Klamath Falls and Portland operations to address the needs of the Oregon workforce.

**Oregon State University**  
(March 2006)

*Preamble*

Oregon State University is a comprehensive, public, research-extensive university and a member of the Oregon University System serving as the state's land-, sea-, space- and sun-grant institution - one of only two universities with such designation in the country. OSU programs and faculty are located in every county of the state and are dedicated to investigating the state's greatest challenges. OSU considers the state of Oregon its campus and works in partnership with the P-12 school system, Oregon community colleges and other OUS institutions to provide access to high quality educational programs. Strong collaborations with industry and state and federal agencies drive OSU's research enterprise.

*Mission Statement*

As a land grant institution, Oregon State University promotes economic, social, cultural and environmental progress for people across Oregon, the nation and the world through our graduates, research, scholarship and engagement activities.

**Portland State University**  
(Approved by the Board in December 1999)

*Preamble*

As part of the Oregon University System, Portland State University's vision is to enhance recognition of the value of higher education by continually strengthening the metropolitan environment and utilizing that strength for its own growth toward standards of excellence in accessible high-quality research, teaching, and outreach programs. As a microcosm of the global society, the metropolitan environment becomes a laboratory for Portland State in this vision. It is the vision of a university that will set the standard for institutions located in an urban setting.

*Mission Statement*

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**  
(Approved by the Board in February 2008)

*Mission Statement*

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

## *Commitments*

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 service, business, and education; and
- Outstanding programs that draw on and enrich our unique arts community and bioregion.

## **University of Oregon** **(Approved by the Board in December 1999)**

### *Preamble*

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 in the Oregon University System. The following statement describes the mission of the University of Oregon and the ways in which it contributes to the Oregon University System.

### *Mission Statement*

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 as well as 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 all 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; and
- A continuing commitment to affordable public higher education.

**Western Oregon University**  
(From WOU Strategic Plan, 2004)

*Mission Statement*

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.