



SOUTHWESTERN

AN OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY CLASSES

WINTER TERM

STARTS JAN. 5, 2026



Life-Saving Heroes in Training

Fire Science at Southwestern

Preparing to Serve

How Southwestern is training Oregon's next generation of firefighters

When a call for help comes, firefighters are the ones who step forward without hesitation. They stand ready to protect the lives and property of the neighbors they proudly serve. In a small close-knit community like ours, their presence brings reassurance, comfort, and a sense of relief when every second counts.

But that readiness doesn't happen by chance, it's the result of preparation.

"Preparation is the separation between the average firefighter and the great firefighter," says Mike Seldon, Assistant Professor of Fire Science at Southwestern. "That's why students are here: to learn, to grow, and to serve."

Southwestern's Fire Science program is one of the proudest examples of how education meets community service. It's a hands-on, high-impact degree designed for people who want to make a real difference. Every fire station, every volunteer, and every trained responder matters.

A commitment to community

Professional firefighters do more than respond to emergencies. They contribute to the region's safety, stability, and economic vitality. They're part of a workforce that supports families, builds trust, and strengthens the bonds that hold communities together.



"No one is perfect," says Seldon, "but firefighters are looked up to as examples in the community. That fact affects how you live and treat others. My job is to instill that core belief and philosophy in my students – of service to the community every day."

It's not just about learning to fight fires. It's also about learning to lead with integrity.

A degree for every path

For students eager to enter the workforce, the **Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Fire Science** provides the hands-on training needed

COOS BAY
Chief Jeff Adkins



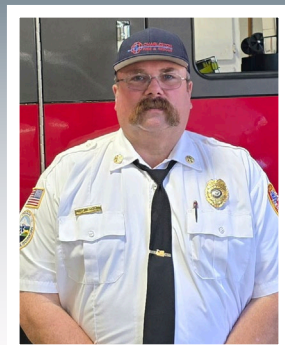
SWOCC's program does more than train firefighters. It keeps people who already know and care about our community here where we need them. At Coos Bay Fire, we stay involved with the program because it's an investment in our future workforce and in the safety of our community.

NORTH BEND
Chief Jim Brown



These partnerships are paying off. The five most recent full-time firefighters hired by the North Bend Fire Dept. are all graduates of Southwestern's program – and they are outstanding. These firefighters embody the strength, skill, and compassion we strive for in the fire service, and they serve our community with pride every day.

CHARLESTON
Chief Mick Sneddon



Southwestern's Fire Science program laid the foundation for everything I've accomplished in my career. The education, mentorship, and training I received shaped me as a firefighter and a leader. Partnering with SWOCC to inspire future firefighters is one of the most rewarding parts of my career.

FIREFIGHTER STATS**\$66,914 Average annual South Oregon Coast wage****\$74,002 Average annual statewide wage****283 Annual statewide job openings***Source: Oregon Employment Department*

to begin serving their communities right after graduation. Students learn core firefighting skills like operating hoses, performing search-and-rescue, and understanding fire behavior and prevention. All done through a blend of classroom instruction and practical experience. A required internship places them side by side with professional firefighters at local stations, offering real-world learning, confidence-building, and valuable networking opportunities. To strengthen their readiness, students are encouraged to volunteer at their local station or earn EMT certification, adding crucial experience to their resumes.

For those aiming to move into leadership or administrative roles, the **Associate of Science (AS) in Fire Science** provides a strong academic foundation designed for transfer to a four-year university, emphasizing management, strategy, and the broader operations of the fire service.

Students interested in becoming paramedics can pursue a dual-degree option that combines Fire Science and Emergency Medical Services in just three years.

Both degrees reflect the same guiding principle: that firefighters aren't just skilled professionals. They're leaders, role models, and protectors of the public good.

A calling, not just a career

For anyone who's ever felt the pull to help others - to step forward when others step back - SWOCC's Fire Science program is the place to begin your journey.

Is this the career for you?

The right skills include

- ✓ Critical thinking
- ✓ Coordination with others
- ✓ Good judgement & decision-making

LET'S EXPLORE IDEAS**Text or Call 541-240-8227****SWOCCbound@socc.edu**

Where are we now?



Fueled by SWOCC, Driven to Serve: A Lieutenant's Story of Community Impact

For SWOCC alum Caleb Owens, serving the local community started early and close to home. A Coquille native, Caleb got his start with the Coos Bay Fire Department's student program just after high school. That experience

sparked a clear path forward: public service through fire and emergency response.

Caleb enrolled at SWOCC to pursue a dual degree in Fire Science and Paramedicine, a route that allowed him to get hands-on training while continuing to grow in the student firefighter program. Two years into his training, he was hired as a career firefighter with the Coos Bay Fire Department and learned to balance full-time work with an intense course load.

Today, Caleb has worked his way up to Lieutenant within the department, where he now coordinates the same student program that launched his career.

"I have been inspired by watching successful firefighters who enjoy their jobs," he says. "Now, I get to help the next generation start that same journey."

Balancing the demands of emergency response with a full class load wasn't always easy, but Caleb says the understanding and flexibility of his instructors helped him stay on track.

"Sometimes I had to leave class for an emergency or show up late," he recalls. "But my instructors worked with me. They knew we were training for a real career, and they supported that."

Also, Caleb is a new dad and enjoying his growing family. His wife, Shaylynn, is a registered nurse who also graduated from SWOCC's Nursing Program and works locally in the medical field. Together, they remain dedicated to serving and strengthening our community.

"My beautiful wife and I plan on raising our growing family here in Coos County and being involved," he says.

Caleb hopes to retire from a long and enjoyable career with CBFD filled with great friendships and unforgettable memories.

"Because of SWOCC, I have the necessary education to work and enjoy the best career I could ever want," he says.



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Join us for lunch!

SWOCC DINING SERVICES

Community Members Welcome

**Weekdays
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Scroll to the bottom of the page.

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Attend In Person

Coos Campus
M-Th 9-11am
M-Th 12-2pm
Tu-Th 5-8pm

Curry Campus
M-Th 12-2pm

Attend By Zoom 

For more info call
541-888-1593

Can't afford the training you want?

TUITION AND TRAINING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UP TO \$5,000

Scholarships available for Coos, Curry and Douglas county residents in various approved trainings who plan to go directly to work in their field upon program completion.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is designed to help job seekers succeed in the labor market by providing them with access to employment, education, training, and support services, and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.

CONTACT US NOW: 800-822-3525



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Ready to work with powerful machines and start a rewarding career? Our program offers you the hands-on training you need to succeed in the diesel repair industry.

Our comprehensive curriculum covers essential engine and truck maintenance and repair, ensuring you develop the skills employers are looking for. With a blend of short-term certificates and advanced certifications, you'll be ready to tackle challenges in a variety of industries.

Scholarships available through the SWOCC Foundation.



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DENTAL ASSISTANT JOB STATS

\$54,834 Average annual southern Oregon coast wage

\$59,328 Average annual statewide wage

32 Annual southwestern Oregon job openings

811 Annual statewide job openings

Source: Oregon Employment Department



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TRIO

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The Student Support Services (SSS) program is one of the TRIO projects funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Division of Special Services for the Disadvantaged, Title IV, Higher Education Act of 1965. 100-percent of annual program costs (\$360,708) are provided through a grant by the U.S. Department of Education.

TRIO Student Support Services provides **FREE** services including:

- Tutoring • Advising • Transfer Planning
- Career Counseling • Private Study Area
- Financial Aid/Scholarship Assistance

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Workforce & Job Trainings

COOS CAMPUS

To register: Call 541-888-7352 • Email onestop@socc.edu • Visit our office in Dellwood Hall

Maritime Training

For a complete list of maritime trainings offered by



Columbia Pacific Maritime

Visit: <https://colpacmaritime.com/>

All classes take place at 2140 Newmark Ave, Coos Bay

MARI 0281 65 MASTER 100-TON (Includes OUPV)

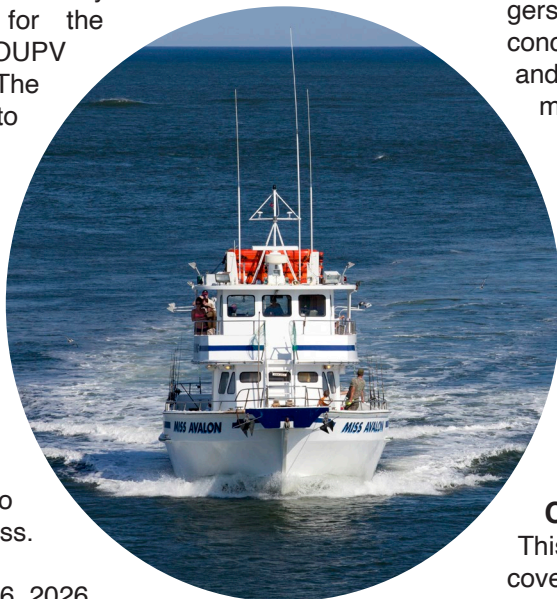
This ten-day class will satisfy the exam requirements for the Master 100-ton or the OUPV 6-pack license. The Master is required to operate charter boats and other vessels carrying more than six passengers. Subjects include seamanship, navigation, 'Rules of the Road,' and the federal regulations for both inspected and uninspected passenger vessels. This also includes the OUPV class.

10-days / \$1,300

MARI 0281 65 Jan 5-16, 2026

MARI 0281 66 Feb 2-13, 2026

MARI 0281 67 Mar 2-13, 2026



MARI 0033 APPRENTICE MATE OF TOWING

The scope of this course is to provide instruction in and evaluation of the rules and regulations for towing vessels and barges, and towing vessel terminology, hazards, and safety. This course is open to all mariners who either hold a license as Master not more than 200 tons, Apprentice Mate (Steersman), Mate (Pilot) of Towing; OR have satisfied the examination requirements for Master 200 tons within one year of completion of this course.

Two days, Thursday and Friday / \$500

MARI 0233 65 Jan 22-23, 2026

MARI 0233 66 Feb 19-20, 2026

MARI 0233 67 Mar 16-18, 2026

MARI 0527 UPGRADE 100 TO 200 TON

The scope of this class is to provide instruction and assessment in the subjects of navigation general, deck general, safety, and environmental protection as appropriate for the upgrading of an MMC National Officer Endorsement Master not more than 100 GRT to Master or Mate not more than 200 GRT Near Coastal. Upon successful completion of this upgrade class the mariner will have the knowledge of navigation, seamanship, and federal regulations necessary to accept the responsibility for the safety of vessels less than 200 GRT on near coastal routes, including its cargo and passengers; be aware of the obligations under federal regulations concerning safety and protection of the marine environment; and be able to take the practical measures necessary to meet those obligations.

Three days, Monday through Wednesday / \$700

MARI 0527 65 Jan 19-21, 2026

MARI 0527 66 Feb 16-18, 2026

MARI 0527 67 Mar 16-18, 2026

Job Training

IND 4100 TRAFFIC CONTROL FLAGGER CERTIFICATION

This training is an ODOT-approved, safety training course covering the requirements for flaggers and approved techniques for moving traffic cautiously and consistently through work zones. For ages 18 and over. Class books are included. Receive necessary credentials for employment upon successful completion.

Instructor: Michelle Holifield

Location: Eden 1

Cost: \$139

Day: Tue 1/20/26 IND 4100 65

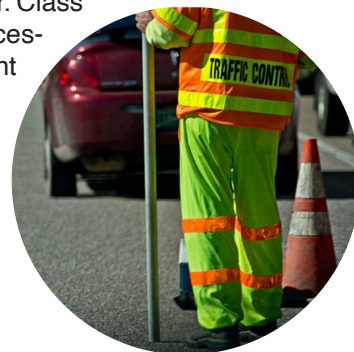
Time: 8:30am-12:30pm

Day: Tue 2/17/26 IND 4100 66

Time: 8:30am-12:30pm

Day: Tue 3/17/26 IND 4100 67

Time: 8:30am-12:30pm



RE 0100 65 REAL ESTATE BROKER LICENSE COURSE

This accelerated course prepares you to qualify for the Oregon Real Estate Broker's License Exam in just ten weeks. It is a hybrid course, combining live lectures with the 150-hour on-line home study to meet the Oregon Real Estate Agency (OREA) requirements. The course and instructor are certified by the OREA.

For more information call Stacey Harrison at 503-551-4467 or email: stacey@sts.careers. Instructor: Heather Rich
Location: Zoom Cost: \$695

- First Tuesday Class: January 13, 2026, 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Last Tuesday Class: March 17, 2026, 6:00pm-9:00pm
- One Saturday class: March 21, 2026, 9:00am-5:00pm

RE 0177 65 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Get prepared to take the State of Oregon Property Manager License Exam. This course is the fastest way to qualify to take the exam which covers the role of property managers, tenant relations, fair housing, lease agreements and more. You must attend all evening class sessions and have online capacity to complete the self-study portion of this course.

Taught by an experienced Property Manager. For information call 503-551-4467 or email: stacey@sts.careers.

All materials provided. Instructor: Terri Neimann
Location: Zoom Cost: \$629

- Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm
- First Tuesday Class: January 20, 2026
 - Last Tuesday Class: March 3, 2026

CHILDCARE PROVIDER TRAININGS

Offered through Southwestern's CARE Connections Childcare Resource & Referral

For more information and to register call 541-888-7957.

Trainings Offered in Coos & Curry Counties and Online

Classes are offered at no cost online:

- Department of Human Services Childcare Provider Orientation
- Family Childcare Provider Overview
- Recognizing & Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect
- Introduction to Childcare Health and Safety

Online Learning



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Take an undergraduate course at Southwestern

No need to be seeking a degree

We welcome our community to take classes to:

- Enhance personal growth and development
- Strengthen job-related skills
- Boost your resume with a valuable business course
- Fine-tune your writing or computer skills
- Learn about business, biology, agroecology, forestry, welding, psychology!

Prior to registering for a class, non-degree seeking students need to complete the Community Education and Personal Enrichment Application. Visit: mylakerlink.socc.edu/ICS/Admissions

APPLICATION



Auditing Courses

- People interested in taking a class, but do not need the credit, may choose to audit credit classes and pay only 50% of the regular tuition (all other fees apply). Auditing a class means you participate fully, but are not required to take tests and do not receive a grade. To qualify for the audit discount, registration is required by the second Wednesday of the term.
- If you are an Oregon resident and are 65 years of age or older you receive FREE tuition on any approved credit course that you audit. You are only responsible for any fees, supplies, or textbooks.

Community Classes

Southwestern offers lifelong learning and personal enrichment opportunities to the community. Non-credit classes are provided by qualified instructors from our community. Course and section numbers are located before the course title. Winter term classes are 11 weeks long, from Jan. 5, 2026, to March 19, 2026, unless otherwise indicated by specific dates.

COOS CAMPUS COMMUNITY CLASSES • REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 8

To register: Call 541-888-7352 • Email onestop@socc.edu • Visit our office in Dellwood Hall

Art

WORKSHOPS WITH TRISTAN PERROTTI

SWOCC Artist In Residence

All classes are for beginning and intermediate painters.

ART 0805 65 BEGINNING IMPRESSIONIST PAINTING

Students learn the core methods of Impressionist painting through guided demonstrations and supervised studio practice, focusing on light, color theory, and rapid brushwork. Instruction covers the Impressionist approach to observation, color theory, and building a finished painting from loose studies.

Location: Eden 3
Day: Fri 1/9/26

Cost: \$30 for materials
Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

ART 0806 65 EXPRESSIVE PAINTING WITH LIMITED PALETTES

Students learn how to create emotionally resonant paintings using restricted color palettes, exploring complementary, split-primary, and monochrome-plus palettes. Instruction emphasizes color psychology, mood construction, and intentional simplification, with hands-on studio time for both small studies and a final project.

Location: Eden 3
Day: Fri 1/23/26

Cost: \$30 for materials
Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

ART 0807 65 FAUVISM & WILD COLOR

Students explore the bold, emotionally charged color strategies of the Fauvist movement, creating paintings that reject naturalistic color in favor of expressive, high-contrast palettes and strong contour line. Workshop includes historical context, guided technique demonstrations, and a final studio project in the Fauvist style.

Location: Eden 3
Day: Fri 2/6/26

Cost: \$30 for materials
Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

ART 0257 65 BEGINNING WHEEL THROWING

For beginning and intermediate potters. Beginning potters create works of art through demonstrated and supervised basic wheel throwing techniques that support exploration in a studio setting covering the process of working with clay – designing, curing, finishing and firing.

Instructor: Annie Pollard

Location: Eden 5

Day: Tue

Cost: \$129

Time: 6:00pm-8:50pm

ART 0259 65 ADVANCED CERAMICS

An independent study course for pottery and clay artists, who have a good understanding of basic techniques, to gather to learn from each other, share ideas, and create new pieces. You will define your own learning goals and work towards them in a supportive environment. Because there is a wide range of skill level and technique focus among students, emphasis is placed on individual development and one-on-one attention. Course cost does not include clay. Clay is purchased as needed in class through the ceramics department.

Instructor: Ruben & Sandy Kretzschmar

Location: Eden 5

Day: Mon, Wed

Cost: \$209

Time: 12:30pm-3:20pm

ART 0131 65 WILD BASKETRY: WEAVING WITH NATURE

Baskets! Not plastic. Learn wild basket-making. Identify, forage and transform invasive and indigenous plant species into handmade treasures. Turn brambles into cordage, cattails into yoga mats and seaweed and invasive ivy into baskets. In this class, basketmaking is more than craft – it's participation in regenerative forestry. We glean inspiration from the traditional wisdom of the Coos, Ko-Kwel, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw basket-weavers, honoring the artistry that grew out of their deep relationship with this land.

Both instructors are members of Basket Making Guilds.

Instructors: Shinan Barclay & Michelle Riley

Location: Eden 7

Day: Mon

Cost: \$90

Time: 5:30pm-7:50pm



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ART 0146 65 SCRIBBLE ART & SKETCHBOOKS

This seven-week course blends expressive scribble art with guided sketchbook adventures. Students will explore famous artists, experiment with mark-making and composition and build a personal sketchbook practice rooted in intuition, curiosity, and play.

Instructor: Shinan Barclay

Location: Eden 7

Cost: \$70

Day: Thur: 1/8, 1/15, 1/22,
1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19

Time: 6:00pm-7:50pm

Cooking

CRT 0101 65 "JUST DESSERTS"

In this hands-on class you will receive instruction on a chef-chosen menu of truly tempting desserts that will take your meal to the next level. You'll want to add these new skills and menus to your cooking repertoire.

Instructor: Chef Alison Murphy

Location: OCCI Bakery

Cost: \$89

Day: Sat 2/14/26

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Fitness & Recreation

PE 0509 65 ZUMBA®

Zumba® Fitness is a global brand that fuses fitness, entertainment and culture into an addictive dance-fitness class. Zumba® utilizes the principles of fitness, interval training, and resistance training to maximize caloric output, fat burning, and total body toning. It's a way of mixing body sculpting movements with easy-to-follow dance steps. Inspired by Latin dance and music, Zumba® uses a variety of Latin styles in its routines, including cumbia, merengue, salsa, and reggaeton, as well as American styles like swing and hip hop.

Instructor: Tina Woodworth

Location: Rec Center 131

Cost: \$50

Days: Tue

Time: 5:30pm-6:20pm

PE 0503 65 PILATES® EXERCISE

Pilates® is a body-conditioning routine that helps build flexibility, muscle strength, and endurance in the legs, abdominals, arms, hips, and back. It puts emphasis on spinal and pelvic alignment, breathing, and developing a strong core, as well as improving coordination and balance.

Instructor: Melissa Loudonbeck

Location: Rec Center 121

Cost: \$105

Days: Tue, Thur

Time: 12:00pm-12:50pm

PE 0505 01 TURBO KICK

Turbo Kick is a combination of intense kickboxing moves, as well as a unique blend of intense interval strength and endurance training all perfectly choreographed to high-energy and motivating music. Turbo Kick requires no previous kickboxing experience or equipment.

Instructor: Melissa Loudonbeck

Location: Rec Center 121

Days: Mon, Wed

Cost: \$105

Time: 5:30pm-6:20pm

PE 0525 65 POUND® FITNESS

Rock-Out while you Work-Out!! POUND® is a full-body cardio session, combining light resistance strength training with constant simulated drumming. Through continual upper body motion using lightly weighted drumsticks, you'll turn into a calorie-torching drummer! Rock, rap, dubstep, pop and old school music fuse to create the POUND® track series. The POUND® workout fuses cardio, isometric movements, plyometrics and isometric poses with pulse-racing, sweat-inducing drumming. Drum your way to a leaner, stronger physique – all while rocking out to your favorite music!

Instructor: Melissa Loudonbeck

Location: Rec Center 121

Day: Tue

Cost: \$85

Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

PE 0507 65 YOGA BEGINNING

For skeletal alignment, flexibility, strength, balance. Safe, gentle class, keeping awareness on breath, while releasing stress and tension. Please bring your own personal yoga mat.

Instructor: Linda Laverty

Location: Rec Center 125

Day: Mon

Cost: \$75

Time: 1:00pm-2:15pm

PE 0507 66 YOGA ADVANCED

For skeletal alignment, flexibility, strength, balance. Safe, gentle class, keeping awareness on breath, while releasing stress and tension. Please bring your own personal yoga mat.

Instructor: Linda Laverty

Location: Rec Center 125

Day: Wed

Cost: \$75

Time: 1pm-2:15pm



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This four-session course will teach participants basic skills for playing disc golf. Participants will be provided with three discs to practice with and keep (included in the fee), while learning how to achieve the lowest scores possible for their ability. The course will be led by Derek Tonn, a SWOCC employee and Ambassador with DGA Disc Golf in California (www.discgolf.com) since 2018.

Location: Rec Center Court

Cost: \$125

Days: Sat 1/10, 1/17 & 1/24

Includes \$50 fee for discs

Day: Sat 1/31- Grassy Area in between Newmark Buildings

Times: 10:00am-12:00pm

WR 0100 65 WRITING YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY/ MEMOIR

Elements of autobiography/memoir are presented, discussed, and practiced in writing short stories from your life. Reading short excerpts from published works expands understanding of these elements. The class is a supportive and positive writing group, helping each other develop stories while learning and laughing.

Instructor: Sally Harrold

Location: Zoom

Cost: \$105

Day: Tue

Time: 11:30am-1:50pm

PHL 0844 65 PLAYING WITH PHILOSOPHY

In this playful course we will play around with common idioms that include the word "play" to introduce philosophical concepts. Then we will apply those concepts to the phenomenon of play itself and discuss what the philosophy of play might mean, while we play games, play films, play music, and may even read a play. The entire field of play, beyond physical reality alone, will be the stage where we play the hunches of our emerging understanding that child's play, like Arron Schwartz's "sharing", is a moral imperative that requires us to play it safe by playing fair, teaches us that turnabout is fair play, and is potentially evident when playing the devil's advocate. It's a community education class in horse play from which no one will want to play hooky.

Instructor: Pete Hodges

Location: Tioga 105

Cost: \$75

Days: Tue (4-week course) 1/6/26, 1/13/26, 1/27/26 & 2/3/26

Time: 10:00am-11:50am

MUP 0105 65 COMMUNITY CHOIR

The SWOCC Community Choir provides an opportunity for singers of all levels to participate in a musically and socially engaging choral ensemble. The Community Choir will focus on providing a safe and stimulating environment for people of all backgrounds to learn, practice, and perform quality choral literature in a large group setting. Focus will be placed on healthy vocal production, musically inspiring performance, strong social connections, and effectively working with others. A wide variety of musical styles will be explored, and participants will present a concert performance at the end of each term. This is a non-auditioned ensemble, but the ability to match pitch is requested.

Instructor: Ken Graber

Location: Hales Center for Performing Arts

Cost: \$30

Day: Mon

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Special Interest

G 025DB 65 REGIONAL GEOLOGY – CAPE BLANCO FIELD TRIP

A lecture in the field to highlight the significant geologic features along the Oregon Coast with stops focused between Cape Blanco and Brookings.

Some of the highlights are stops at:

Cape Blanco, Cape Sebastian, Arch Rock,

Rock overlook, Harris Beach

Rainbow and more.

The course consists of a field trip arranged to illustrate the geologic setting, stratigraphy and structure, topography, age and origin, significant events through geologic time, and special features unique to the region. Also offered as G145CB 01 for credit.

Instructor: Ron Metzger (rmetzger@socc.edu for inquiries about the trip)

Location: Itinerary and details in Canvas and sent via email

Cost: \$60 (including transportation; participants need to bring lunch)

Date: Sat 1/17/26

Time: 7:00am-6:30pm



Southwestern's Small Business Development Center



Business Spotlight



"The SBDC guided us through every step of launching our private practice – from planning and financing to compliance – helping us exceed our first-quarter goals and grow successfully."

Murray Dermatology, Inc.

Expanding Access to Quality Skin Care in Coos County

For several years, James and Christa Murray provided dermatology services through a local multi-specialty clinic, building a strong reputation for compassionate care and a loyal patient base. As demand grew, they decided to open Murray Dermatology, Inc., an independent clinic dedicated to providing comprehensive medical, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology services to Coos County residents.

To bring their vision to life, the Murrys worked with the Southwestern Oregon Community College Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to develop a business plan, refine financial forecasts, and determine the best structure and operations for their practice. The SBDC helped them:

- Outline startup and operating costs.
- Create sustainable financial projections.
- Develop marketing strategies to retain and expand their client base.
- Establish strong administrative systems for long-term success.

With this guidance, the Murrys confidently transitioned from a multi-specialty clinic to their own thriving practice.

Located at 1234 Teakwood Ave. B in the new development along highway 101 in Coos Bay, Murray Dermatology offers a full spectrum of dermatology services, including medical care, surgical procedures, skin cancer screenings, and cosmetic treatments. Dr. James Murray, a board-certified Doctor of Nursing Practice in Dermatology, leads the medical team, while Christa Murray, a Certified Advanced Aesthetician, oversees cosmetic services.

A key feature of the clinic is the Urgent Lesion Clinic, which provides rapid evaluation of suspicious skin conditions, particularly for patients at risk of melanoma or other cancers. The Murrys also maintain a professional partnership with Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) to bring the latest dermatologic advances to local patients.

By establishing Murray Dermatology, the Murrys have expanded access to high-quality dermatologic care, created local jobs, and strengthened Coos County's healthcare system. Their success illustrates how local entrepreneurs, with the support of the Southwestern Oregon SBDC, can transform community healthcare.

If you're interested in confidential Business Advising contact us

Derek Tonn, Director SBDC | 541-888-7297 | derek.tonn@socc.edu

Gayle Goldstone, Curry Campus Advisor | 541-813-1674 | gayle.goldstone@socc.edu

Curry Campus

JOB TRAINING & COMMUNITY CLASSES

To register: Call 541-813-1667 • Email curryfirststop@socc.edu • Visit us on the Curry Campus

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For a complete list of degrees available at the Curry Campus go to www.socc.edu/curry and click on Degrees & Certificates.



JOB TRAINING

ENTRY-LEVEL BOOKKEEPING CERTIFICATE

Complete three classes and an internship to earn an entry-level bookkeeping certificate. These classes prepare people for positions that require basic bookkeeping skills and provide a basic understanding of accounting principles and procedures, spreadsheets and QuickBooks accounting software. Upon completion of this certificate, students will be ready to take the first level of QuickBooks certification. Contact the Student Success Center at 541-813-1667 or CurryFirstStop@socc.edu to make an appointment to talk to an advisor and learn more about this certificate.

HE 0533 99 AHA BLS HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

This basic life support course teaches healthcare professionals how to perform CPR on victims of all ages, as well as other lifesaving skills, in a wide variety of in-hospital and out-of-hospital settings. American Heart Association cards will be issued upon successful completion of the course.

Instructor: Amber Espinoza

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Day: Wed 2/25/26

Cost: \$105

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

HE 0509 99 STANDARD FIRST AID & CPR/AED

This course follows the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) standards, and OSHA requirements to prepare the student with knowledge, skills, and techniques necessary to recognize and provide care in first aid, respiratory, and cardiac emergencies using the latest CPR and emergency cardiac care guidelines. Students learn how to perform rescue breathing and CPR, how to use personal protective equipment, how to use an Epinephrine Auto-Injector, and how to operate an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). CPR/AED and First Aid certification is given upon completion of course requirements. This is a stand-alone training that will help you gain employment or maintain employment in fields where safety of others is paramount such as early childhood educators, exercise instructors, mariners, public safety/security, and others. Instruction provided on infant, child, and adults.

Instructor: Amber Espinoza

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Day: Wed 1/21/26

Cost: \$79

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

IND 4100 99 TRAFFIC CONTROL FLAGGER CERTIFICATION

This training is an ODOT-approved safety training course covering the requirements for flaggers and approved techniques for moving traffic cautiously and consistently through work zones. For ages 18 and over. Class book is included. Receive necessary credentials for employment upon successful completion.

Instructor: Michelle Holfield

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Day: Tue 3/24/26

Cost: \$139

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

CHILDCARE PROVIDER TRAININGS

Offered through Southwestern's CARE Connections Childcare Resource & Referral

Trainings available at no cost online or in-person and help prepare individuals to become licensed, or Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) Listing in-home childcare providers. Orientation Part 1 for both trainings is offered online at the Oregon Center for Career Development at occd.educadium.com. Introduction to Registered Family Child Care Part 2 (licensing training) and ERDC Child Care Provider Part 2 (accepting state pay) are scheduled monthly in Curry County and on Zoom.

ERDC Child Care Provider Orientation Part 2 (HDFS 9006 DHS Orientation)

• Feb. 5th from 12 – 1:30 pm (Curry)

Introduction to Registered Family (licensed) Child Care Part 2 (HDFS 9008 Childcare Overview)

• Feb. 12th from 12 – 3 pm (Curry)

For more information and the current schedule, please call 541-888-7957 or email qualitychildcare@socc.edu.

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Fitness

PE 0502 99 BETTER BONES AND BALANCE®

Better Bones and Balance® is an exercise program that was developed and tested by researchers at Oregon State University. This program targets strength and balance through key exercises shown to reduce the risk of falls and fractures and is suitable for ambulatory individuals who are at beginner and intermediate exercise levels.

Instructor: Lisa Reed

Location: Langlois Lions Club

Cost: \$89

Day: Mon, Fri 1/12/26-3/20/26

Time: 9:00am-10:20am

PE 0502 98 BETTER BONES AND BALANCE®

This section is for students that are new to the Better Bones and Balance® exercise program.

Instructor: Lisa Reed

Location: Langlois Lions Club

Cost: \$45

Day: Mon 1/12/26-3/16/26

Time: 11:00am-12:00pm



PE 0570 99 LOW-IMPACT DANCE AEROBICS

This class uses easy-to-follow dance steps and rhythmic movements that are choreographed to upbeat music. It's a fun way to get moving while improving your cardiovascular system, muscle strength, flexibility, balance, and boosting your overall fitness level.

This is a great class for active seniors no matter your level of fitness.

Instructor: Mary Whitaker

Location: Curry Campus 138A/B

Cost: \$70

Days: Tue, Thur

Time: 8:30am-9:45am

PE 0504 99 TAI CHI

This course in Tai Chi is a gentle, relaxed, non-sweat, personal exercise (translated as the "Grand Ultimate") for any age. The 'Yang Form' will be taught along with 'Chi Gwa' (circulating breath) and 'Silk Cocoon Chen' (fine intertwining energy). This course is noncompetitive and will start with the basics, and then individuals will progress at their own rate.

Instructor: Deane McConnell

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Cost: \$63

Day: Tue

Time: 10:00am-11:20am

PE 0504 98 TAI CHI

Instructor: Deane McConnell

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Cost: \$63

Day: Tue

Time: 5:30pm-6:50pm

Special Interest



ART 0115 99 FUSED GLASS BASICS

Glass fusing is the process of joining compatible sheet glasses together then heating them in a kiln until the glass fuses or melts together. It grants you the power to create colorful, dynamic works of glass art that are completely unique. Fused glass is used to fabricate plates, tiles, bowls, jewelry, wall hangings, and other artistic creations. You only need a kiln,

glass, and a few simple tools to create a finished fused glass piece. This class teaches the basics of fusing glass while creating a soap dish. We will cover an overview of the art, cutting glass, and safety while creating a design with glass to be fused then slumped into a soap dish. Please wear closed-toe shoes. Cost includes materials and supplies. Class meets on both days.

Instructor: Rosa Little

Location: Curry Campus 118

Day: Fri 2/6/26

Fri 3/6/26

Cost: \$110

Time: 3:00pm-5:50pm

Time: 4:00pm-4:50pm

ART 0240 99 MIXED MEDIA MASTERPIECE: PAINTING ABSTRACT FACES

Create faces that tell a story. No experience is needed for this fun class where you'll learn to paint exciting creative faces using blind contour drawing. This 3-session workshop will take you through a step-by-step process where you'll explore new techniques, and ideas that will help to make your art personal, expressive and uniquely your own. It starts with painting backgrounds using layers of paint, then draw faces using contour drawing, paint, collage, and other tools such as marker, pastels, and crayons. Each student will come away with more than one finished painting. Students will need several large sheets of watercolor or mixed media paper (10-12 sheets), a few different sized brushes, and a black permanent sharpie marker. Paint will be supplied.

Instructor: Mary Whitaker

Location: Curry Campus 138A/B

Days: Mon 1/26/26 to 2/9/26

Cost: \$75

Time: 1:00pm - 3:50pm



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Introduces the natural, signed language of American deaf people. Includes instruction in proper sign formation, American Sign Language (ASL) grammar and vocabulary, expressive and receptive skills. Emphasis on the history of ASL, the deaf community in North America, and deaf education.

Instructor: Bj Farris

Location: Curry Campus 206

Cost: \$115

Days: Tue, Thur

Time: 3:30pm-4:50pm

**BA 0134 99
RETIREMENT
INTELLIGENCE**

This is a virtual class held via Zoom designed to help individuals plan for retirement. What's your retirement dream? Learn how to put together a plan that will help you reach your goals. Class includes a workbook to help individuals create their own plan and a private coaching call. Pre-register by January 13.

Instructor: Jesse Coffee

Location: Virtual Zoom

Cost: \$39

Days: Tue 1/20/26 & 1/27/26

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

DRIV 0620 99 AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

This course offers you the opportunity to learn how to drive more efficiently and safely. The course contains up-to-date information about changes over time in ourselves, our vehicles, and our roads. The content of this course can help boost safety awareness, refresh and improve driving skills, minimize crash risk, increase confidence, prolong mobility, and maintain independence. Completion of this one-day six-hour driving refresher course can yield discounted auto insurance premiums for individuals. To register call 541-469-6822.

Instructor: Robert Pfenning

Location: Chetco Activity Center

Day: Fri 1/23/26

Time: 8:45am-4:30pm

Cost: AARP members \$20, non-members \$25, check or cash is payable to AARP at the class. Pre-register by Jan. 22.

Bring your AARP card and driver's license.

DRIV 0620 98 AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Instructor: Robert Pfenning

Location: Chetco Activity Center

Day: Sat 1/24/26

Time: 8:45am-4:30pm

Cost: AARP members \$20, non-members \$25, check or cash is payable to AARP at the class.

Pre-register by Jan. 22. Bring your AARP card and driver's license.

HE 0591 99 MEDICARE 101

In this class students will learn about the four parts of Medicare: Medicare part A, B, C, and D. They will learn about the timelines surrounding Medicare enrollment and the policies. An in-depth presentation on Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplements will be provided. Students will leave the class with the tools to make informed decisions on what type of plan best fits their own, or a family member's needs.

Instructor: Becky Holm

Location: Curry Campus 137A/B

Cost: Free

Day: Mon 2/23/26

Time: 2:00pm-3:20pm

HE 0201 99 MEDITATION

Quantum Reiki Meditation for modern everyday living. Learn easy, enlightening meditation techniques to explore your consciousness and feel higher light energy. Meditation is a practice by which we achieve a greater sense of awareness, and relaxation, with the objective of the here and now. In this introductory course, we will explore various techniques of meditation to find the right choice for you. Meditation has been practiced for thousands of years with archeological finds dating back to 5,000 years ago. You will have a magnificent experience.

Instructor: Aranka Fisher

Location: Curry Campus 138A/B

Cost: \$75

Day: Tues

Time: 3:00pm-4:20pm

**HE 0201 98
MEDITATION**

Instructor: Aranka Fisher

Location: Curry Campus 138A/B

Cost: \$75

Day: Thur

Time: 5:30pm-6:50pm



Writing

WR 0115 99 INTRODUCTION TO GRANT WRITING

This Introduction to Grant Writing course provides a basic understanding of grant writing and the foundations of project development. We will cover how to prepare your organization to apply for grants and identify local sponsors and small grants to consider. The course is open to all but geared toward smaller non-profits.

Instructor: Alisa Green

Location: Curry Campus 109

Cost: \$75

Days: Sat 2/28/26 & 3/14/26

Time: 10:00am-12:50pm

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South Coast Writers Conference

Returns

FEBRUARY 13-14, 2026

The South Coast Writers Conference brings together a collection of writers from the Northwest to share, explore, and celebrate the many facets of writing. The conference, held on Presidents' Day weekend February 13 and 14, provides an opportunity for an extended stay to write and to explore the splendor of the southern Oregon Coast.

The conference is an eclectic gathering of writers from various fields including novice and published authors. The goal of this conference is to highlight local writers and inspire new writers while connecting them to local resources. The conference features some of the Northwest's best writers to guide participants in an exploration of many writing styles.

This year features workshop presenters across genres from poetry to graphic novels. Three all-day workshops are held on Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm for \$80. Four 90-minute workshops are offered on Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00pm with multiple options for each session for \$85. The price for both days is \$165. Authors' night features the keynote speaker at 7:00pm on Friday, February 13, and is free and open to the public.

Watch for more details and information on how to register!

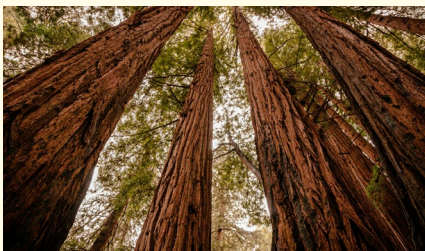
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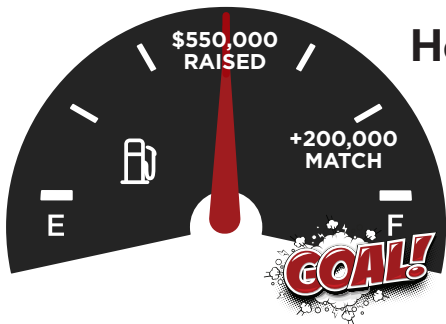
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