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Driver Education Program Update

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A New Day for Oregon Teens



What were you doing this past Monday, May 13th? Don't remember? Neither do I, but I know exactly what I was doing on Wednesday when I found out that Governor Kitzhaber had signed HB 2264 into law two days prior!

This was truly a huge team effort with stakeholders standing right beside legislators as we took a huge step to increase access to driver education for Oregon teens. HB 2264 contains three parts; 1) Subsidy increases for no/low income teens, 2) Strategies to help providers reach more places in the state, and 3) Sanctions to keep it efficient.

Thanks to TSD Administrator Troy Costales and ODOT Director Matt Garrett for taking point on this effort, spending much needed time telling the legislators our story. And, thank you to all of those people who held meetings, wrote copy, gave testimony, and so many other things that helped put this law into place.

So, what's next? We have already held two DEAC sub-committee meetings to formulate how these new provisions are going to play out in the administrative rule. On June 10th the driver education program will be fortunate to host an intern from Texas for 10 weeks as she fulfills her fellowship at Portland State University. Bonnie Lister will coordinate the activity as we look into adaptive strategies and no/low income subsidy provisions and I am really excited to have her on board.

The new law goes into effect on the 1st of January 2014, so we have approximately 7 ½ months to get the rules in place to support this great advance for our state! More to come so keep watching the DE webpage! ❖

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This is one of those articles that is definitely bittersweet to write. You know, the kind where you are so happy for someone, but at the same time you realize another chapter is on the horizon and you won't see that person around as much as you used to?

That's the place I find myself as I write this. I want you all to join in our celebration as we honor one of the foundational members of the driver education community in Oregon. Kim Holmes, Clackamas Community College Driver Education Coordinator (among many other things) is retiring this year after many years of service to the school, the community and the statewide community of Driver Education.

Kim has been on committees, associations and/or boards of both OTSEA and ODTSEA, the National Council on Community Services & Continuing Education, the Oregon Community Education Association and the national driver education association “ADTSEA.” But did you know that she was also a member/associate of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Portland Inter-Tribal Club, Bureau of Police Standards and Training, Boy Scouts of America: Search and Rescue and Girl Scouts of America: Brownies? This is one busy person!!

So I asked her what she planned to do in retirement years. Those of you who know Kim will completely understand some of her answers! She plans to “Do all the things I put off because I was working: spend time with the grandkids, really clean the house, go to Disneyland, take a zip line tour through South America, buy a horse, learn to sing, garden, sleep in, travel, show up in spandex and heels at my grandson's high school and ask him to never skip class again, throw out all my husband's clothes and make him buy new ones from this decade, have tea parties with my granddaughters in our back yard, clam dig every minus tide, visit my son in New York so I can embarrass him on both sides of the country, and finally, nag for more grandkids!”

All I can say is that after snorkeling at Hanauma Bay (Hawaii) with Kim, her sister, and Judy Ode, I don't doubt for a minute that she'll nail that entire bucket list!

When I think about how Clackamas Community College has had such an impact on the greater Portland area, I realize it was due primarily, to Kim's passion, leadership, and tenacity. Here are some of the partners with which her school participated: Beaverton SD, Aloha, Beaverton, Southridge, Sunset, West View, Canby Community School, Centennial SD, Colton SD, Gladstone Community Schools, Gresham/Barlow SD, Molalla River SD, North Clackamas Community Schools, Oregon City Community Schools, Oregon Trail SD, and West Linn/Wilsonville Community Schools!

Kim has been an amazing resource for many of us in the DE community and I certainly hope she will consider keeping this option “open” as she strives to accomplish that great big list of “after DE” stuff. I know I am personally going to go into withdrawals for her friendship, professionalism, guidance, and especially her humor. (Actually, I hope not to miss most of that for a long time to come!)



Congratulations, Kim, retirement is well earned!



On a side note that is not as happy as honoring our DE partner, Kim Holmes, we also have to say goodbye to another longtime friend in the driver education community. Effective June 2013, Clackamas Community College is closing their driver education program down, citing ever increasing costs among other reasons. As you can tell by looking at the long list of schools that have contracted with CCC's program, this affects many of our driver education communities and some of them are scrambling to keep their programs going in some fashion. I hope that some of you might consider what you can do to partner with these deserving folks and not allow even a single generation of greater Portland area teens to miss an opportunity to experience “Oregon Approved” Driver Education! ❖

Attention All Instructors!

I have noticed during recent visits that a number of teachers have not yet applied for their Approved Instructor certification card. Reminder: If your employer does not have a copy of your valid certification card, you cannot legally teach an approved program. Showing me your CPR card and continuing education certificates during an inspection does not take the place of holding a valid card. Apply online with WOU at: wou.edu/trafficsafety

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Questions Regarding Instructor Certification Status?

Here is the link for the "check-up" site at WOU so providers (and instructors) can view certification status information at any time.
<https://www2.wou.edu/pls/wou2/dep.provider.lookup>

The screenshot shows the Western Oregon University website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Portal, A-Z index, Find People, Maps, Calendars, and Lists. The main header features the Western Oregon University logo and the text "Division of Extended Programs". Below the header, there are three tabs: "Online Learning", "P-12 Education", and "Professional Development". The "Professional Development" tab is active, displaying the "ContinuingEd" section. On the left side of this section, there is a vertical menu with links for HOME, ABOUT DEP, DEP STAFF, and SITE INDEX A-Z. The main content area displays the following information:

- Certificate Registry Number: "130"
- Instructor Cert Expiration Date: November 30 2014
- Certified to Teach: Both BTW & Classroom
- First Aid Expiration Date: October 31 2014
- CPR Expiration Date: October 31 2014
- Continuing Education Hours Completed Since Certificate Was Issued: 8

At the bottom of the content area, there is a link labeled "Search Again".

Chemeketa CC Instructor Training on Students with Disabilities

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On April 2nd, I was invited to Chemeketa Community College's instructor training session on Students with Disabilities.

In preparation for the session, Chemeketa's program administrators revised their student health information form with the help of the college's Disability Services staff and their attorney. Also, an internal notification system was set up.

As part of the training, Disability Services staff provided guidance as instructors discussed a variety of situations that have occurred. Instructors learned at which point they are to notify program administration of a potential issue. Administrators explained that they would take whatever next steps are appropriate, which could include consultation with Disability Services staff, coordination with the teacher or student.

Thanks to Chemeketa Community College for this great reminder! Have you had these conversations? We urge you to do so BEFORE you are in the middle of a situation. Additionally, make sure your forms and processes meet your school's internal requirements. ❖

On-Line Continuing Education Courses Through Chemeketa Community College

Chemeketa Community College continues to offer online courses that will count toward continuing education hours for the ODOT instructor requirements. For more information and course descriptions go to the [Chemeketa webpage](#).

If you have a group of five or more instructors, Chemeketa CC may be able to tailor a class to fit your specific needs.

To register by phone, call Chemeketa directly at: 503 584-7541

