



February 21, 2005

To: Members, Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Education

From: Cam Preus-Braly, Commissioner

RE: Questions from the 2/17/05 Hearing

### **Community College Student - Gender Data**

*Senator Gordly asked the breakdown of female/males in attendance at Oregon's community colleges. In 2003-2004 the total headcount was 330,595. Females comprised 177,578 (53.71%) and males were 140,953 (42.65%).*

### **Student Loans**

*Senator Walker asked about the types of loans available to students at the community colleges. There are several loan programs available to community college students and/or their parents depending on income. In addition, loans may be subsidized or unsubsidized.*

Subsidized Loans refers to the federal government paying the interest rate on those loans for the whole time a student is in school at least 6 credits and for the 6 month grace period after they leave school. After that period the student pays the interest. Unsubsidized Loans refers to the student pays the interest beginning at the time the loan is disbursed. The student can choose to make interest payments quarterly or they can choose to have the interest compounded into the loan.

Federal Stafford Loans/Federal Direct Loans are either subsidized or unsubsidized and either may be offered if the school chooses to participate because they are the same. Stafford/Direct Loans have a variable interest rate which changes every July 1<sup>st</sup> and is tied to the T-Bill. Current interest rates for Stafford/Direct is 2.77% in-school and grace; 3.37% during repayment. It will increase July 1<sup>st</sup>. PLUS Loan interest rate is currently 3.92%. It will also increase July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Perkins Loan. This is a federal loan program where students must be taking at least 6 college level credit hours to get a Perkins Loan. The rate is a non-variable at 5%.

### **Program Suspensions/Deletions**

*Senator Gordly asked for the number of programs that have been suspended or deleted. The following information shows additions, suspensions, and deletions by college, program name, award (is the program a one or two year program), for the years 2003-2004.*

2003-04 Postsecondary Professional Technical Program Status\*

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Additions

<b>Community College Name</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Award</b>
Blue Mtn CC	Hospitality, Tourism & Management		Cert (1 Yr)
Central OR CC	Manufacturing Technology		Cert (2 Yr)
Chemeketa CC	Speech Language Pathology Assistant	AAS	Cert (1-Yr)
Chemeketa CC	Speech Language Pathology Assistant		Cert (2 Yr)
Chemeketa CC	Automotive Machining		Cert (1 Yr)
Clackamas CC	Hospitality & Tourism Mgmt		Cert (1-Yr)
Clackamas CC	Electronic Publishing		Cert (1-Yr)
Clackamas CC	Energy & Resource Mgmt		Cert (1 Yr)
Clackamas CC	Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Technician	AAS	Cert (1 Yr)
Clackamas CC	Landscape (Add to Horticulture-AAS)		Cert (Less than 1 Yr)
Clackamas CC	Collision Refinishing Technology (CRT)	AAS	
Clatsop CC	Computer Information Systems	AAS	
Columbia Gorge CC	Paraeducator	AAS	
Lane CC	Avionics Technician	AAS	Cert (1 Yr)
Lane CC	Avionics Technician		Cert (2 Yr)
Linn Benton CC	Instructional Assistant	AAS	
Linn Benton CC	Childhood Care & Education		Cert (Less than 1 Yr)
Mt Hood CC	Environmental Engineering	Opt to Civil Engineering	
Mt. Hood CC	Business & Industry: Light Rail Vehicle Maintenance Technology	AAS	
Mt. Hood CC	Business & Industry: Light Rail Vehicle Type 2 Systems		Cert (1 Yr)
Oregon Coast CC	Employment Skills Training		Cert (less than 1 Yr)
Portland CC	Drafting Design & Tech		Cert (3 term)
Portland CC	Paraeducator	AAS	
Tillamook Bay CC	Paraeducator	AAS	

Additions continued

TVCC	Wild Land Fire Management -Forestry		Cert (1 yr)
TVCC	Wild Land Fire Management -Noxious Weeds		Cert (1 yr)
TVCC	Wild Land Fire Management -Range Management		Cert (1 Yr)
TVCC	Wild Land Fire Management -Wild and Fire		Cert (1 Yr)

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Suspensions

<b>Community College</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>AAS Award</b>	<b>Certificate Award</b>
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Name			
Central OR CC	Diesel Technology	Opt to AAS	
Central OR CC	Entrepreneurship	Opt to AAS	
Central OR CC	Cabinetmaking	AAS	Cert (1 Yr)
Clackamas CC	Real Estate		Cert (Less than 1 yr)
Clatsop CC	Computer Information Systems	AAS	
Clatsop CC	Emergency Medical Technology		Cert (1 yr)
Clatsop CC	Fire Science	AAS	
Clatsop CC	Integrated Technologies	AAS	
Clatsop CC	Juvenile Corrections		Cert (1yr)
Clatsop CC	Medical Assistant	AAS	
Clatsop CC	Microcomputer Programming & Networking	AAS	
Lane CC	Broadcasting/Visual Design & Production	AAS	Cert (1 yr)
Lane CC	Business Management	AAS	
Lane CC	Business Management		Cert (1 yr)
Lane CC	Chemical Dependency Counselor Training	AAS	
Lane CC	Industrial Maintenance	AAS	Cert (1 yr)
Lane CC	Law Enforcement Reserve Academy		Cert (1 yr)
Lane CC	Microelectronics Mfg Technician	AAS	Cert (1 yr)
Lane CC	Accounting Clerk		Cert (1 yr)
Lane CC	Radio Broadcasting	AAS	Cert (1 yr)
Lane CC	Real Estate	AAS	Cert (1 yr)
Lane CC	Recreational Vehicle Service Technician	AAS	Cert (1 yr)
Lane CC	Sales & Marketing		Cert (1 yr)
Lane CC	Supervision		Cert (1 yr)
Linn-Benton CC	Medical Receptionist		Cert (less than 1 yr)
Linn-Benton CC	Digital imaging & Pre-Press Technology	AAS	
Linn-Benton CC	Medical Unit Secretary		Cert (1 yr)
Portland CC	Plant Propagation		Cert (2 yr)
Rogue CC	Commercial Truck Driving		Cert (Less than 1 yr)
Rogue CC	Criminal Justice		Cert (1 yr)
Rogue CC	Fire Science		Cert (1 yr)
Rogue CC	Nursing Assistant/Multi-Skilled Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)		Cert (1 yr)

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**Suspensions - Slated to be Deleted**

<b>Community College Name</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Award</b>
Central OR CC	Sport & Fitness Administration/Management	AAS	
Chemeketa CC	Executive Assistant/Secretary		Cert (1 Yr)
Chemeketa CC	General Office Occupations & Clerical Service		Cert (1 Yr)
Chemeketa CC	Info Processing/Data Entry Technician	AAS	
Chemeketa CC	Info Processing/Data Entry Technician		Cert (1 Yr)
Chemeketa CC	Accounting Technician		Cert (1 Yr)
Chemeketa CC	Banking and Financial Support Services	AAS	
Lane CC	Agricultural & Industrial Equipment Technology	AAS	Cert (2 Yr)
Lane CC	Fire Protection & Safety Technology/Technician	AAS	
Lane CC	Office Supervisor and Management		Cert (1 Yr)
Mt. Hood CC	Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder		Cert (1 Yr)
Rogue CC	Landscape Operations and Management		Cert (1 Yr)
Rogue CC	Medical Administrative Assistant/Secretary and Medical Records Technology/Technician		Cert (1 Yr)
Rogue CC	Psychiatric/Mental Health Services Technician		Cert (1 Yr)

**Percentage of population attending community colleges in rural Oregon**

*Senator Gordly asked for examples of the percentage of population within rural Oregon who are attending their local community college.*

Using the zip codes of the population residing in the primary counties of a community college district and comparing them with those attending the community college is provided. Due to their unique geographic or population boundaries, these are approximate percentages as some counties may be served by different community colleges

Clatsop Community College serves approximately 23%; Umpqua Community College serves 14%; Central Oregon Community College serves 9%; and Klamath Falls serves 10.8% of its population their respective populations aged 15-79.

**English as Second Language and Adult Basic Skills**

*Senator Gordly asked about the gaps in English as a Second Language (ESL) offerings.*

ESL and English Language Civics programs are offered at all 17 community colleges, in the State Department of Corrections, and at numerous community corrections sites. There are waiting lists at a number of the community colleges (Mount Hood Community College, Portland Community College, and Chemeketa Community College).

- All community colleges offer ESL classes in their districts, as well as, one-on-one tutoring if students are not able to attend scheduled classes. All but two community colleges offer tutoring programs (Blue Mountain Community College and Southwestern Oregon Community College).
- Many more ESL students are served in college programs, however many do not meet federal reporting criteria such as enrolling for more than 12 hours.

*Representative March asked the location of the correctional facilities where ESL and Adult Basic Skills are offered.*

- Adult Basic Skills Development classes are offered through the State Department of Corrections and through partnerships between colleges and local community corrections agencies.
- State Corrections: 2,425 federally reportable students (1,790 ABE; 420 ASE; 215 ESL)
- Community Corrections: 877 federally reportable students (672 ABE; 130 ASE; 75 ESL)
- Total Corrections: 3,302 federally reportable students
- Many more students are served in the corrections settings above however many do not meet federal reporting criteria such as enrolling for more than 12 hours

The following table describes the number of students and their locations.

### 2003-04 Title II Federally Reportable Students - ESL and Corrections Only

	ESL	Corrections	Corrections	Corrections			Total
				ABE	ASE	ESL	
BMCC	459	11	ABE/GED/ESL	9	1	1	11
COCC	428	52	ABE/GED	47	5	0	52
CHCC	2,139	n/a					
ClackCC	1,004	44	ABE/GED	31	13	0	44
ClatCC	93	3	ABE/GED	3	0	0	3
CGCC	208	n/a					
DOC	215	2,425	ABE/GED/ESL	1,790	420	215	2,425
KCC	150	34	ABE/GED	33	1	0	34
LCC	804	155	ABE/GED	120	35	0	155
LBCC	374	38	ABE/GED	35	3	0	38
MHCC	1,277	161	ABE/GED/ESL	81	11	69	161
OCCC	130	25	ABE/GED	20	5	0	25
PCC	2,891	70	ABE/GED/ESL	39	28	3	70
RCC	527	208	ABE/GED/ESL	202	4	2	208
SOCC	82	28	ABE/GED	23	5	0	28
TBCC	41	17	ABE/GED	11	6	0	17
TVCC	140	n/a					
UCC	61	31	ABE/GED	18	13	0	31
			<b>Community</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,023</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>Corrections</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>877</b>
		<b>2,425</b>	<b>State Corrections</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>2,425</b>
		<b>3,302</b>	<b>Total Corrections</b>	<b>2,462</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>3,302</b>

## **Carl Perkins Concentrator Grade Point Average (GPA)**

*Senator Gordly asked to have the breakdown of grade point averages for Carl Perkins Concentrators between 2.0 and 4.0 GPA.*

Students attempting to complete academic courses in the Concentrators Program were 5,651. Of the total students 43.3% achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or greater in their coursework; 26.9% achieved 3.0 - 3.49 GPA; 11.4% achieved a 2.5 - 2.99 GPA; 10.8% achieved a 2.0 - 2.49 GPA; and, 7.6% achieved less than a 2.0 GPA.

## **Program Approval Process**

*Representative Whisnant asked about the process for program approval.*

New community college professional technical programs go through several stages of approval. At the local college level, they are developed in collaboration with local employers or advisory committees. The proposed program requires campus curriculum committee and local boards of education approval. Each program must satisfy approval standards in areas of need, collaboration, capacity, design, and alignment. Programs are sent to Oregon Department of Education staff for review, analysis, and approval. Community Colleges and Workforce Development brings the new programs to the State Board of Education for final approval.

Private career schools are considered to be private businesses enterprises and go through a different approval process than public community colleges. They are authorized to only offer certificates. After local advisory committee approval, an application is sent to Department of Education, Private Schools Office. ODE conducts an analysis and handles the approval process. The Oregon Department of Education monitors private schools once they are approved. Schools must reapply each year. The Office of Degree Authorization handles the approval process for degrees conferred by private career schools.

## **Budgeting in anticipation of Carl Perkins funding decreases**

*Senator Devlin asked if local community colleges are budgeting in anticipation of the President's decrease in funding of Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act.*

Local community colleges will begin the budget process as the amount of funding available becomes more certain over the next 10 months. The colleges will incorporate the increase/decrease in the development of their 2006-2007 budget.

## **Community College Student Transfer**

*Senator Gordly, asked about the number of community college students who transferred to a private institution.*

Community college students transferring to Oregon private colleges in 2004 was 498. According to the Oregon Independent College Association, this number has been steady over the previous few years.

As National Clearinghouse Data becomes available the department will be able to work with community colleges to determine the number of students transferring to public and private institutions nationwide.

## **Workforce Investment Act**

*Representative Jenson requested information on earning change and wage gain method of measurement and asked for the definitions of "attainment" of a license/ credential as defined by the Workforce Investment Act.*

- Earning and wage change information is separated into adult average earnings, dislocated workers, and older youth.
- The average wage for adults employed in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter after exit and employed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter after exit is \$4,373 per quarter.

- The average wage for adults employed in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter after exit and not employed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter after exit is \$1,729.
- The average wage for Dislocated Workers employed in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter after exit and employed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter after exit is \$5,604.
- The average wage for Dislocated Workers employed in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter after exit and not employed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter after exit is \$2,442.

The wage earning definitions and the attainment of a degree or certificate/credential methodology, parameters and definitions follow.