# Oversight of Private Postsecondary Education in Oregon

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#### OFFICE OF PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION





# **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### ODA

Responsible for ensuring the quality of in-state, non-exempt, private higher education programs and out of state private and public higher education programs offered to Oregon students.

#### VA-SAA

 Responsible for ensuring that the programs approved for the training of veterans offered in all postsecondary institutions in Oregon are quality programs.

#### PCS

 Responsible for ensuring the quality of private career schools, establishes business and fiscal standards, sets instructional and curricular requirements, and provides technical assistance.



### OFFICE OF DEGREE AUTHORIZATION

#### Four key functions

- Evaluate and approve degree programs at certain private colleges located in Oregon
- Evaluate and approve distance (i.e. online) degree programs offered to Oregonians by colleges and universities located outside the state
- Enforce laws against diploma mills
- Coordinate the implementation of SARA State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement



## **OFFICE OF DEGREE AUTHORIZATION**

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Evaluates and approves degree programs at:

- A. All non-profit and for-profit degree-granting colleges,
- B. Colleges lacking regional accreditation, and
- C. Colleges that have been in Oregon under five years.
- Current approvals include 27 institutions offering 169 degree programs.
- Approved in-state institutions include: 14 non-profit, and 13 forprofit private institutions. They enroll over 12,000 students.
- Other Private, non-profit and regionally accredited institutions such as Willamette and Linfield are exempt from day-to-day ODA regulatory oversight. Independent institutions under the Alliance enroll over 45,000 students.

## **OFFICE OF DEGREE AUTHORIZATION**

Evaluates and approves degree programs at:

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- Out of state degree granting colleges and universities, seeking to offer distance education (i.e. online) in Oregon.
- Colleges that have regional and national accreditation located outside our state, and who seek to offer credit courses and degree programs in Oregon.
- Current approvals include 116 authorized and 117 exempted institutions offering numerous degree programs. They serve over 5,000 Oregonians who enroll exclusively in distance education courses, with out-of-state providers.



#### PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS UNIT

#### Primary functions, Private Career School licensing unit

- License career schools doing business in Oregon
- Approve programs offered by new and existing schools
- Investigate and respond to complaints regarding career schools
- Provide significant technical assistance to licensees and license applicants



#### WHAT TRAINING DO THEY PROVIDE?

 Oregon has about 193 private career schools that provide significant technical and vocational training opportunities for Oregonians in many diverse fields, such as:

Healthcare

Insurance

Tax Preparation









#### WHAT ARE CAREER SCHOOLS?

- They are private, postsecondary institutions that offer career or vocational training. Primarily for-profit, but a few are incorporated as nonprofit entities.
- They are licensed, certificate-granting institutions.
- Current approvals include 193 schools, collectively offering 973 certificate programs.
- About 9,320 students are enrolled at Oregon Private Career Schools, and about to 3,793 graduate each year.
- Their graduates contribute to the middle '40' in Oregon's 40-40-20 goal.



#### OREGON'S PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS

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- The Private Career Schools Licensing Unit mandates high standards for PCS's.
- Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) require schools to be financially responsible, have approved curriculum, and provide evidence that a high level of completion and placement is being achieved.



#### OREGON'S PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS

Covering all Corners of Oregon
With over 3,000 instructors, Oregon has schools create jobs across the state in the following cities: Albany Aloha Ashland Astoria Baker City Beaverton Bend Brookings Canby Cannon Beach Cave Junction Central Point Charleston Clackamas Coos Bay Corvallis **Cottage Grove** Creswell Eugene

Florence Forest Grove Grants Pass Gresham Happy Valley Hermiston Hillsboro John Day Keizer **Klamath Falls** La Grande Lake Oswego **McMinnville** Medford Milwaukie Monmouth Newberg Newport North Bend

Ontario **Oregon City** Pendleton Portland Redmond Roseburg Salem Silverton Springfield Tangent The Dalles Tigard Tillamook Tualatin Vashon Warrenton White City Wilsonville Woodburn



## OREGON'S PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS

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- Diverse Programs Offered
- A small sample of programs offered:
- Accounting/Bookkeeping/Banking
- Acupuncture
- Automotive/Trucks
- Baking and Pastry Arts/Baker/Pastry Chef
- Bicycle Building & Repair
- Computer Technology/Graphic Design
- Construction/Carpentry/HVAC
- Court Reporting/Court Reporter
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Assisting
- Dental Laboratory Technology/Technician
- Farrier
- Hair Stylist/Esthetics/Nail Technology/Barbering

- Technology/Barbering
- Health Care
- Income Tax Preparation
- Industrial Mechanic & Maintenance
- Insurance Training
- Lineworker
- Marine Specialist
- Massage Therapy
- Mechanics
- Motorcycle Technology
- Phlebotomy
- Piano Technology
- Real Estate
- Sports Management
- Tattooing
- Truck Driving
- Welding



#### CAREER SCHOOLS AND THE MIDDLE 40





#### PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

United Bicycle Institute –Ron Sutphin

- Sumner College Joanna Russell
- Aveda Institute –Kimberly Johnson

