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I truly believe that the CCS Program benefits individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability with respect to inclusion and emotional support, and opportunities for competitive employment. I worked for the Career and Community Studies Program for Portland State University (CCS-PSU) as the Employment Coordinator from January 2019 through July 2019, and I witnessed the students in the program successfully engage in campus jobs and classes that were customized to meet their learning needs and abilities. The students loved being on campus and involved in college activities. They had opportunities to develop friendships with several other individuals on campus. Importantly, most of the students were prepared to work (or were already working) in complete integrated employment after they completed the CCS Certificate. I strongly support the college inclusive postsecondary education to be expanded to community colleges in Oregon as there will be further options and opportunities for students with IDD to engage in inclusive college programs.