



Oregon TECH

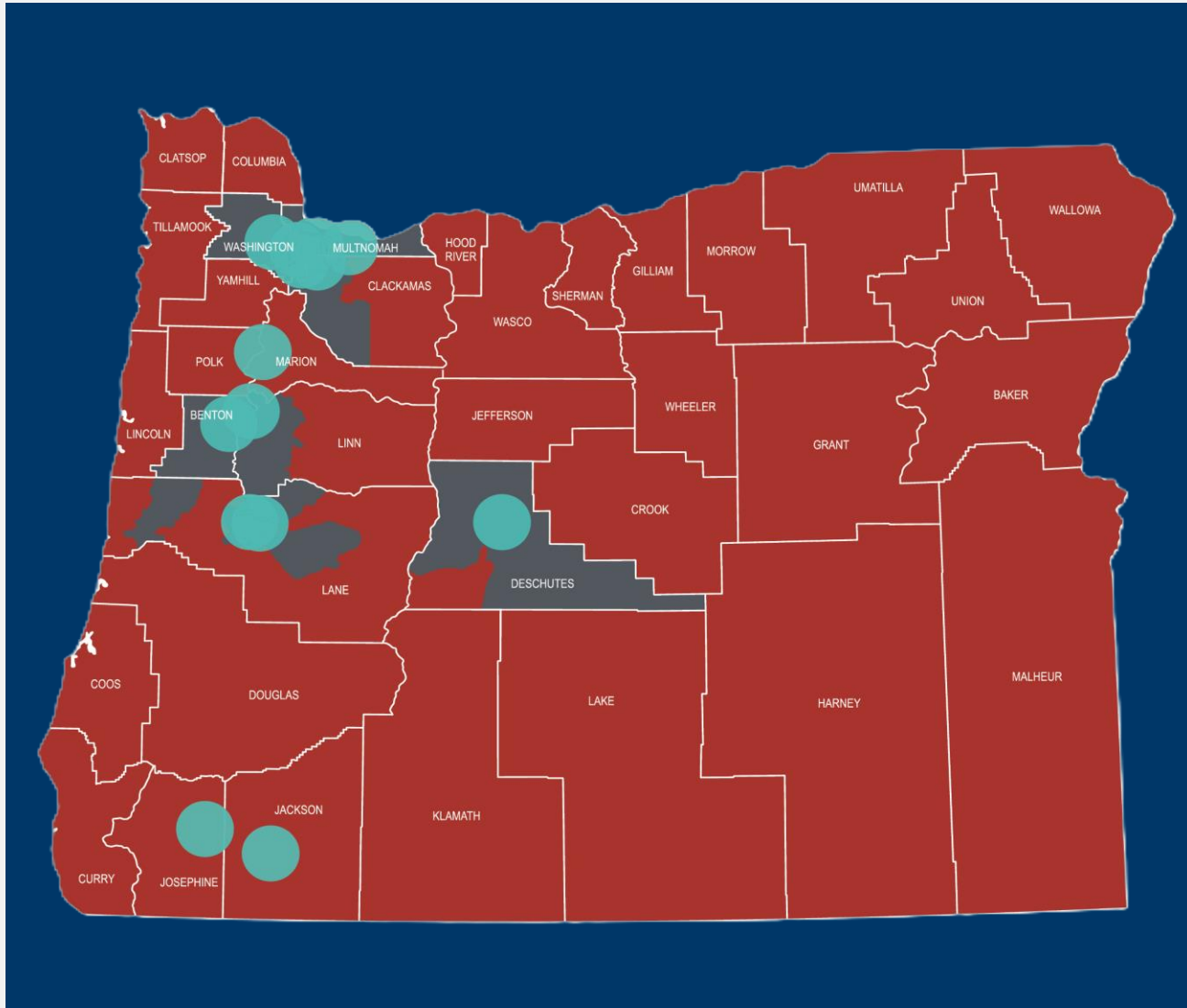
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***Transforming the Oregon Health Landscape:
A Public Osteopathic College of Medicine in Oregon***

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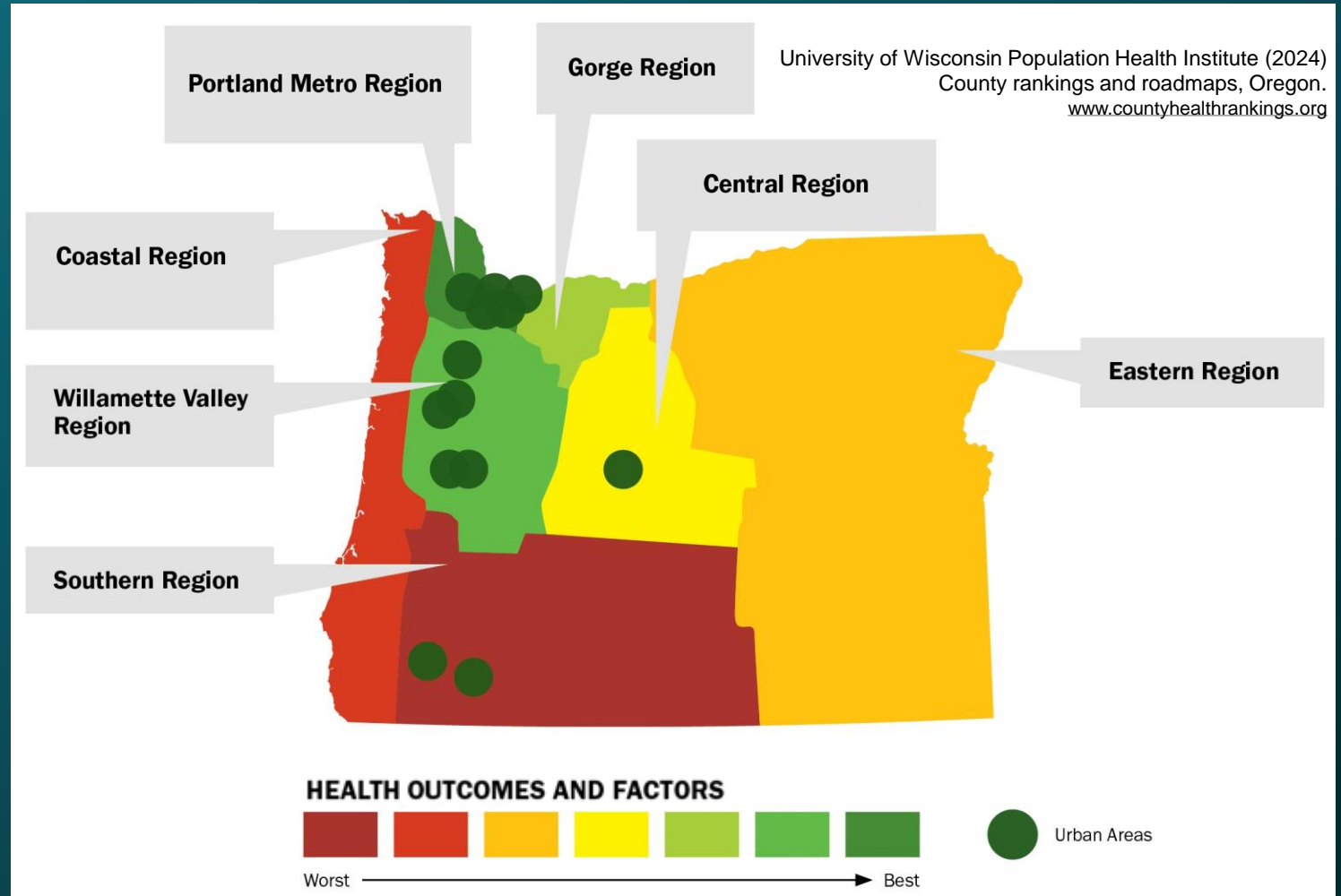
THE PROBLEM: OREGON'S CURRENT & DETERIORATING HEALTH DESERT



2.5 million
Oregonians in crisis
due to lack of access
to healthcare.

HEALTH INEQUITY EXISTS BETWEEN RURAL & URBAN REGIONS

- The inequity becomes apparent when comparing health outcomes among regions. (Univ of Wisconsin, 2024)
- Specifically, rural areas fare much worse than their urban counterparts, demonstrating:
 - Lower life expectancies
 - Poorer quality of life
 - Premature death
 - Elevated suicide rates
- Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has established the goal of eliminating this health inequity within the state by 2030.



PRIMARY CARE SHORTAGE IMPACTING URBAN AREAS AS WELL

Recent article confirmed that **URBAN AREAS ARE ALSO FEELING** the impact of primary care physician shortages.

Key Points Include:

- 54% of Portland-area voters find it harder to get an appointment with a primary care physician compared to 3 years ago.
- Fewer medical students are training in primary care in Oregon than the national average.
- Primary care physicians take on “heavy student debt but earn significantly less than specialists”.

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OREGONLIVE
The Oregonian

Portland-area residents can't find doctors, and they say it's only getting worse

Kristin de Leon

“Experts say primary care access in Portland and across the state has been eroding for years”



**The Status Quo is Alarming.
Supply Does Not and Will Not Meet Demand.**

THE SOLUTION: INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF OREGON PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS, PARTICULARLY IN RURAL AREAS

- Oregon Health Authority recommends expanding medical education in rural areas.
- Research shows that medical providers who complete at least half their education and training in rural settings are 5 times more likely to establish their practices in rural areas.
- A new pipeline of primary care physicians who are trained in rural Oregon – and who are committed to working in rural settings upon licensure – would drastically reduce health challenges throughout the state by increasing access to care.
- One approach to successfully growing the number of primary care physicians across the state is **Osteopathic Medicine**.

Investment should
focus on expanding
access to education
and training programs
in rural areas.

- OHA Recommendation
Oregon's Health Care Workforce
Needs Assessment, 2025

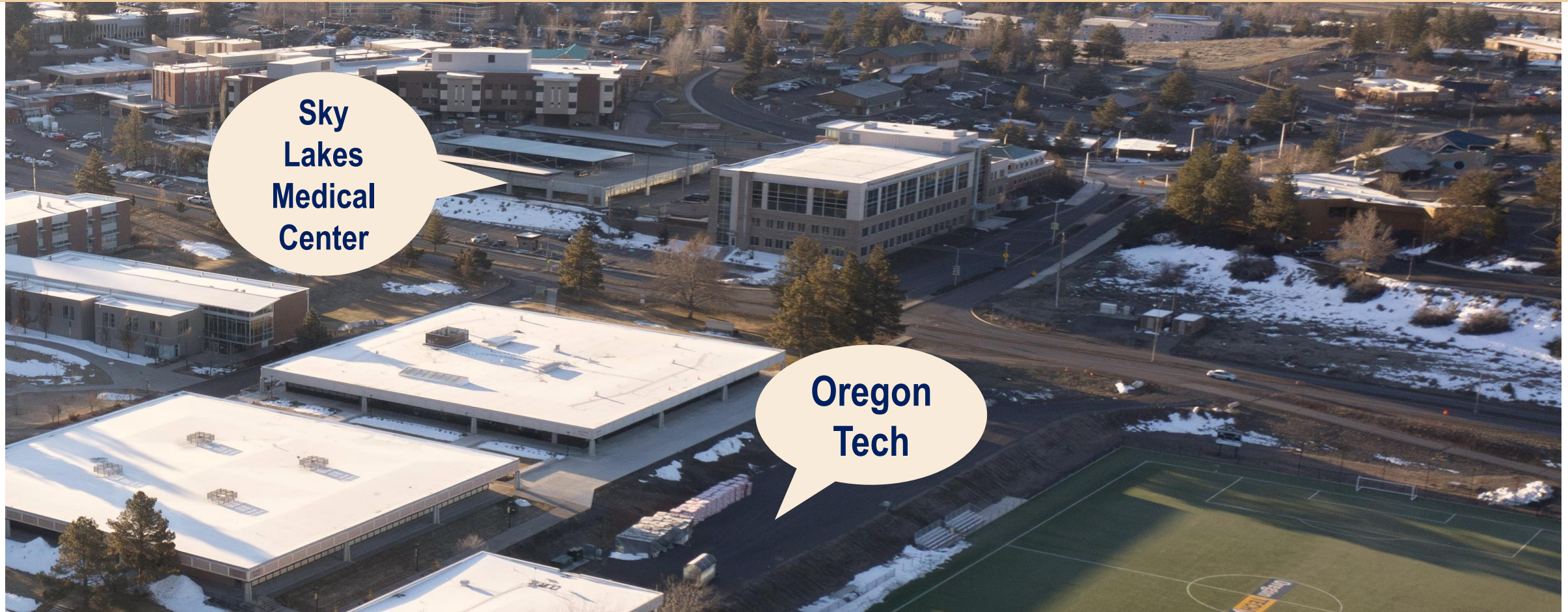
OSTEOPATHIC SCHOOLS ARE LEADING THE WAY IN PRIMARY CARE

- U.S. News & World Report recently evaluated 168 medical schools, tracking graduates from 2015 to 2017.
- The 10 schools with the highest numbers of graduates in primary care are all osteopathic medical schools, with between 41% and 47% of graduates choosing primary care instead of specialization. This statistic is between 11% and 14% for allopathic medical schools.
- Surveys show, that 10 years after graduation, Osteopathic Physicians continue to practice primary care.
- This commitment to primary care will be crucial to addressing the health crisis in Oregon.



<https://premium.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-medical-schools/primary-care-rankings>

Oregon Tech is Uniquely Positioned to Transform Oregon's Health Landscape Through a New Osteopathic College of Medicine

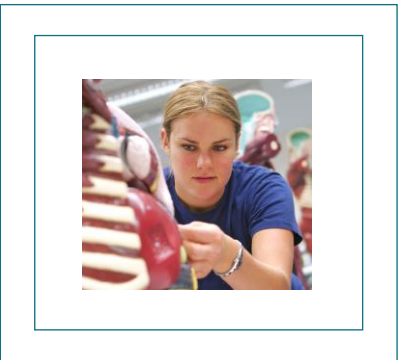


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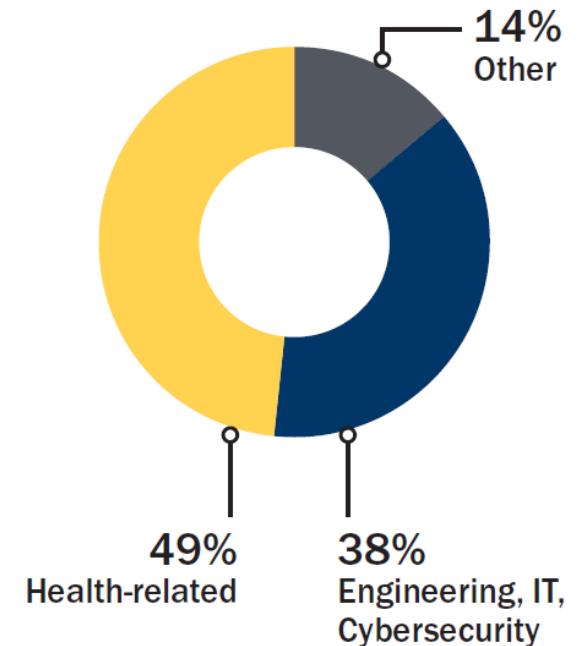
WHY OREGON TECH? HANDS ON LEARNING IN ALLIED HEALTH

- Located in the rural Southern Region, strategically placing a public, medical school on the Klamath Falls campus would benefit not only the region, but all rural regions across the state.
- A proven track-record - over 50 years - offering medically-based, Allied Health curricula will help Oregon Tech launch accelerated graduation options (3 years Vs. 4 years), which would:



- Expedite the entry of primary care physicians into the health care workforce.
- Reduce the burden of medical school debt for students, as the only public Osteopathic Medical School in the state.

OREGON TECH GRADUATES



A Legacy of Healing

- World War II Veterans came to Klamath Falls
- Tech-infused, practice-oriented education professions for over 50 years.
- Existing infrastructure
 - State of the art simulation centers at the Martha Anne Dow Center for Health Professions.
 - Bachelor's and Master's degree programs in Biohealth & Biomedical Sciences.
 - Ongoing Partnership with OHSU – 3 Joint Programs:



Doctorate in Physical Therapy
(Doctoral)

Medical Laboratory Science
(BS)

Emergency Medical Services
(AAS & BS)

SKY LAKES COLLABORATIVE HEALTH CENTER (CHC): SHARED SPACE WILL EXPEDITE MEDICAL SCHOOL LAUNCH

- Sky Lakes has dedicated medical education space in the CHC.
- Oregon Tech is engaged in utilization study which will allow reallocation of existing space.
- As a result, we do not anticipate needing a new building to launch the medical school.
- Planning Study will provide a clearer picture of long-term needs.



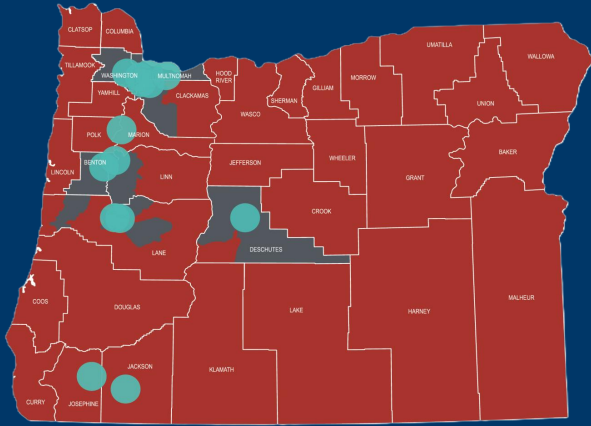
*Sky Lakes Medical Center, Collaborative Health Center,
located across the street from Oregon Tech*



NEXT STEPS

- Actively pursue a Comprehensive Planning Study to establish:
 - Financial and operating models.
 - Implementation workplan and timeline.
 - Compelling business plan and economic sustainability.
- Implement marketing campaign.
- Secure philanthropic support.
- Your support is the key to accelerating our journey towards success.

Problem:



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***We are committed to doing the work today
for the Oregon of tomorrow.***

Solution:



**Rapidly increase the
number of primary
care physicians
educated & trained in
the state.**

Proposal:

**A New Public
Osteopathic
Medical School
at Oregon Tech.**

**Technology &
AI-Infused Curriculum.**

**Accelerated
Graduation Options.**