

Occupational Skills Training Program

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The Occupational Skills Training (OST) program offers students with a career goal in mind the opportunity to earn college credit for worksite-based training with approved community training sites throughout the state. When you enroll in this short-term program (up to 44 credits), you will receive hands-on training at a worksite based on a curriculum personalized for your chosen occupation and your individual abilities, skills, and interests. A suitable training site and curriculum will be determined jointly with you, your sponsoring agency (if applicable), and a Skills Training Coordinator at Chemeketa. The program is offered on an open entry/open exit basis. Program terms are standard length but you may start the program any time during the year.

A variety of occupational areas may be appropriate for the Occupational Skills Training program. Related classroom instruction may be included in the program if deemed part of the approved training plan.

Program outcomes

Students completing the certificate should be able to:

- Demonstrate specific work habits required for employment
- Perform job skills based on industry standards of the chosen occupation

Tuition costs are based on the number of training hours spent at the work site. In addition to tuition, estimated costs for students participating in this program are \$30 per term student fee and a \$300 one-time application fee. Books and supplies average \$250 per term if related courses are taken.

Some sites may receive a trainer incentive of \$336 per term in addition to the above costs if approved and paid by the sponsoring agency or insurer (if applicable).

You may earn a certificate of completion by successfully completing from 18 to 44 credits of ST100A-Q Occupational Skills Training and related prescribed courses based upon the approved length of your training plan. Up to 12 credits may be applied toward the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree. Up to 36 credits may be applied toward the Associate of General Studies degree, and variable credits may be applied toward the associate of applied science degree as determined by each career and technical education program area.

Non-credit options, such as On-the-Job Evaluation, are designed to provide a way to clarify vocational goals and assess capabilities and potential for a designated job or training area. This is a non-graded process that is monitored

according to a personalized outcome assessment and provides workers' compensation at the training site.

Getting started

For an appointment with an OST employment representative or to receive a schedule of OST orientations, contact a staff member on the Salem campus at 503.399.7398.



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