

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 at 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, so 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.

Total required credit may vary due to three to four credit conversion. Chemeketa degree and certificate minimum requirements must be met.

Program outcomes

Students completing the certificate will:

- 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 24 to 44 credits of ST050A-P 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, see page 39) are also available to evaluate potential sites as well as student skills and career potential.

Getting started

For an appointment with an OST employment specialist or to receive a schedule of OST orientations, contact a staff member on the Salem campus, 503.365.4713 or 503.399.7398.



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