

## CCC Taking Steps to Meet the Needs of Tomorrow: *Smart Future*



### Vision

An architect's rendering shows the college's planned new building on Harmony Road — in the county's health-care corridor.

### The Center for Health Education

When a parent is ailing or a child is hurt, or when our own health is threatened, we rely on health-care professionals for expertise, care and guidance. At some point, health care is critical to all of us.

Right now in the United States and in Oregon, health care is at a crossroads. Health-care workers are reaching retirement age at a time when the population is aging. The average age of a nurse in this country is 53, while the number of people 65 and over will grow by 147 percent over the next 40 years.

CCC is now working with partners in the community, business and local governments to redevelop the college's Harmony Road campus to provide a center for nursing and allied health training and education that will serve the area's robust health-care industry. The new campus will enable the college to build capacity in nursing and expand its allied health programs to provide a trained health-care work force. Groundbreaking for the campus redevelopment will take place this spring.

Over the past several years, Health Sciences at CCC has grown from two programs taught by a handful of staff to a thriving college division of seven programs, 13 full-time instructors and more than 20 part-time teachers. It's still not enough to meet the demand for trained health-care workers.

The Center for Health Education will provide the space and facilities for increasing capacity in existing programs and the addition of new programs. A strong distance learning component will serve students in the state's rural corners where health-care professionals are urgently needed.

### A National Model for Environmental Education

At CCC's main campus in Oregon City, the Environmental Learning Center is poised to become a national model for environmental education. As national certification for environmental education becomes standard for educators, CCC is developing professional development courses and a two-year degree program in the field — the first of its kind in the nation. CCC will provide classes for educators, and the restored ELC site will serve as a living classroom for teachers to apply their knowledge.

To support the educational component, the site that once served as settling ponds for a jam factory will be redeveloped into a natural drainage system, utilizing a series of swales and ponds to treat runoff and stormwater. Natural grasses and native plants will fill the landscape. Green building technology will be used in the construction of bridges, overlooks and interpretative displays.

Redevelopment of the ELC is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2008. The degree program is expected to be offered at the college in the fall of 2009.

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