



Clackamas Community College

NEWS AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION INFORMATION FROM CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE • SPRING 2021



Safely **Learning Hands-On**

The safety of students is of the utmost priority for Clackamas Community College, and that is why the majority of our classes will be held online for spring term. **However, some of our programs are best taught hands on.**

Following state and federal health and safety guidelines, CCC is offering some in-person classes this spring. In-person classes include programs such as:

- Wildland fire
- Health sciences
- Manufacturing
- Horticulture
- Automotive
- Welding
- Theater
- Music

If you prefer learning in person, there is no reason to put your education on hold. Sign up today for spring term! Visit www.clackamas.edu.



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2 PAYING FOR COLLEGE There are many opportunities to save money on the way to earning a degree or certificate at CCC.



3 STRENGTHEN YOUR BODY AND MIND Strengthen your body and mind. Sign up today for a virtual zumba or toning class, or take a parenting course.



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**IMPORTANT DATES
SPRING TERM 2021**



CCC is participating in statewide measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Oregon. This includes extending online learning, closing campus buildings, shifting services online, and canceling non-essential events through spring term.

To stay informed on how COVID-19 may impact summer term, visit www.clackamas.edu/return-to-campus.

STUDENTS / STAFF

Spring term

Registration begins..... Feb. 22
Term begins March 29
Finals week June 7-12
Graduation ceremonies..... June 11
Term ends June 12

HOLIDAYS / CAMPUS CLOSURES

Spring break March 22-26
Memorial Day..... May 31

**Scholarships
spotlight**



CCC awards hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships every year. This includes scholarships for working parents, for members of military families, for attending a district high school or for pursuing a specific career, like nursing or welding. There are even scholarships specifically for students who do not qualify for federal financial aid.

This year, nearly half of the scholarship applicants at CCC were awarded funding. The hundreds of scholarships offered at CCC can all be accessed through a single application, and students don't need perfect grades to apply.

To learn more about scholarships at CCC, visit www.clackamas.edu/scholarships.

Get help paying for college

Starting college or returning to college can be a hopeful time. There is the excitement of planning classes, joining a learning community and taking a major step toward a future goal. For many students and their families, that excitement also comes with a worry – **how to pay for it.**

While taking the leap to invest in college can be daunting, support is available. There are many opportunities to save money on the way to earning a degree or certificate.

Many students who attend CCC are eligible for grants (free money!), scholarships (more free money!), loans, and part-time work opportunities that build experience while funding a college education. Emergency funding is also available to help students when the unexpected arises.

The strategies for paying for college look different for every student. For example:

- **Veterans** thinking about attending college can visit CCC's award-winning Veterans Education and Training (VET) Center to help them make the most of their VA benefits.
- **Students eligible for SNAP benefits** may qualify

for additional support and resources through the STEP program at CCC.

- **Lifelong learners age 65 or older** qualify for tuition waivers to audit up to eight credits tuition-free.
- **Students changing careers or entering specific fields** may qualify for programs to help fund their education and ease their transition into the workforce.

CCC is here to guide students to find a strategy that fits with their lives. The Financial Aid Resource Lab at CCC is available to provide one-on-one help and answer questions about paying for college.

Are you ready to learn about what funding you might qualify for? Visit the Financial Aid Resource Lab at CCC at www.clackamas.edu/financial-aid-resource-lab and make a virtual appointment.

**TUITION & FEE
COMPARISONS**

Based on full-time enrollment at 15 credit-hours/term.



Federal Pell Grants



Another way to offset the rising cost of tuition and fees is applying for **Federal Pell Grants**. These are a popular form of financial aid that can help eligible low-income students pay for college expenses like tuition, fees, housing and other related education expenses. Unlike loans, which have to be repaid, grants are a source

of free money. Only in rare circumstances does a Pell Grant have to be paid back.

Depending on the award amount and institutional fees, Pell Grants may cover the majority of the costs associated with attending community college.

Did you know?:

- From 2015 to 2019 around **25%** of CCC students were Pell Grant recipients.
- CCC had **1,640** Pell Grant recipients in 2019.

- In 2017-18 CCC awarded over **\$6.8 million** in Pell Grants to its students.

To apply for a Pell Grant and other federal financial aid, you will need to fill out and submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. For questions about eligibility or to get help filling out the FAFSA, schedule an appointment with the Financial Aid Resource Lab at CCC at www.clackamas.edu/financial-aid-resource-lab.

New scholarship opportunity blooms in Oregon City

Students come to Clackamas Community College to change their lives, for themselves and for their families.

The nonprofit **Bloomin' Boutique** in Oregon City is also transforming lives by providing new clothing to underserved children. This year, CCC and Bloomin' Boutique are joining forces to make a better future for those in need in the college community.

The CCC Foundation and the nonprofit have partnered to create the Bloomin' Boutique Hand Up for Higher Education Scholarship, which will help students from all backgrounds, especially those from underserved communities, access higher education. This new fund will provide eight scholarships for students attending CCC during the 2021-22 academic year.

Patti Serres, founder of



Bloomin' Boutique, said, "We provide a hand up. Our programs encourage students to reach the next rungs on the ladder of opportunity, giving them the self-confidence to demand more of themselves and to succeed."

Since 2012, the Bloomin' Boutique has been a resource of new clothing, bedding,

toiletries and more for residents of Clackamas County. The Bloomin' Boutique takes great care to provide all new apparel to those who may have never owned an article of clothing with the original price tag.

"I developed the Bloomin' Boutique because of the adversity and struggles that I had in my own life," Serres said. "I wanted to be a part of making life better for our clients because my life was made better by others."

The CCC Foundation and Bloomin' Boutique believe in the hard work of community college students who choose to make a better future for themselves through accessible and high-quality education.

The deadline to apply for the Bloomin' Boutique Hand Up for Higher Education Scholarship is April 18. For more details, visit www.clackamas.edu/scholarships and www.bloominboutique.org.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

If you are thinking about going to college or returning to finish your degree, Clackamas Community College is the smart choice. We provide an affordable, high-quality education in a warm and welcoming environment. With more than 90 different degree and certificate programs as well as transfer degrees to four-year universities, we have something for everyone.

I know paying for college can be difficult, but it is the best investment you can make. If you are concerned about paying for your degree, we have the lowest tuition in the Portland metro area and can help you find ways to pay for college, like grants, paid work experience and scholarships.

This year, our Foundation is giving out a record number of scholarships, and the best part is you don't have to have a perfect GPA to qualify. We award scholarships to veterans, single parents, those who are the first in their family to attend college, and scholarships for those training for specific careers like welding or automotive repair. On average, scholarship recipients receive \$2,161, which is nearly half the tuition of a full-time student!

Whether it is your first time at college, or you are a returning student, we will help you find your path and stay on it. From orientation to registration to graduation, we will keep you on track.

Tim S. Cook

Tim Cook,
CCC President

Strengthen your body and mind this spring

As the Earth begins to bloom this spring, so can you. Community Education partners continue to add additional online classes for spring term. Read about our programming and register now to strengthen your body and mind, learn a new skill and have fun doing it!

Zumba

Zumba combines Latin and international music that incorporates hip-hop, cumbia, reggaeton, salsa, merengue, mambo and more. Build strength, burn calories and improve motion and posture. Offered through the Milwaukie Center.

Gold Toning

Learn to sculpt and tone through creative and fun dance routines using hand-held weights. World music with lively rhythms pump this class up! Offered through the Milwaukie Center.

Parenting the Love and Logic Way

Learn how to avoid unwinnable power struggles and arguments, stay calm when your kids do incredibly upsetting things, set enforceable limits, avoid enabling and begin empowering, help your kids learn from their mistakes rather than repeating them, and raise kids who are family members rather than dictators and much more! Offered through West Linn Parks and Recreation.

We encourage you to connect with your local Community Education program for additional course availability.

GLADSTONE

Gladstone Community School
503-650-2570
www.clackamas.edu/gladstone

MILWAUKIE

CCC Seasoned Adult Enrichment Program
503-594-0627 www.clackamas.edu/enrichment
Due to COVID-19 precautions, we will not be hosting SAEP spring term.

Milwaukie Center
503-794-8092 www.ncprd.com

North Clackamas Parks and Recreation
503-794-8080, ext. 0
www.ncprd.com

OREGON CITY

Oregon City Community Education
503-785-8520
www.ocsd62.org/communityeducation

Oregon City Swimming Pool
503-657-8273 www.orcity.org

Pioneer Community Center
503-657-8287
www.orcity.org/pioneercenter

TEAM OREGON

Motorcycle/Scooter Safety Training
800-545-9944
teamoregon.org

WEST LINN

West Linn Parks and Recreation
503-557-4700
www.westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec

WILSONVILLE

Wilsonville Parks and Recreation
503-783-PLAY
www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com



Getting started at CCC

If you are a new student with no previous CCC credits, follow these 6 steps to get started. For more information, visit www.clackamas.edu/gettingstarted.

APPLY TO CCC

1 Visit www.clackamas.edu/apply. Once you receive your welcome email, **log in to Navigate to review your to-do list**, which will walk you through your next steps. **TIP: Log in to your myClackamas account frequently — it is CCC's primary means of communicating with students!*

2 APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS (if applicable)

U.S. citizens and permanent residents: Apply at www.fafsa.gov.
Undocumented Oregon residents: Complete the ORSAA at www.oregonstudentaid.gov. The ORSAA is for undocumented Oregon students, including students who have DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) status.

Apply for CCC Foundation Scholarships at www.clackamas.edu/scholarships.

3 SUBMIT PREVIOUS COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS (if applicable)

CCC degree/certificate seeking: If you are transferring to CCC from a regionally-accredited U.S. institution, or if you have AP, CLEP, IB or DSST scores, submit your official transcripts to Graduation Services. **Non-degree/certificate seeking:** If a course requisite waiver is needed, submit unofficial transcripts to Advising & Career Services. Visit www.clackamas.edu/transferring-to-ccc for details.

4 DETERMINE PLACEMENT

Math and writing placements must be completed prior to registration. Visit www.clackamas.edu/pass for steps to complete your placement assessment.

5 COMPLETE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Available online via your myClackamas account, your orientation will familiarize you with CCC's resources, degree and certificate programs, student life and more. Orientation must be completed before registering for classes.

6 REGISTER FOR CLASSES

For help choosing and registering for your classes, visit www.clackamas.edu/advising to schedule an appointment.

DON'T FORGET!
Our Virtual Admissions Team is here to help you get started!
Call 503-594-3284 or email welcome@clackamas.edu.

Start college now! Students can earn college credit in high school

With Advanced College Credit (ACC) classes, students can conveniently earn college credit directly at their high school.

ACC is a partnership program between Clackamas Community College and local high schools. Classes are taught by approved high school instructors and the credits earned by students are added to their college transcript. Many classes apply to certificates and degrees at CCC or transfer to other higher education institutions.

At just **\$10 per credit** — or free for those on the Free or Reduced Meals Program through their high school — ACC classes allow students to get a head start on college while saving time and money.

Advantages students gain by taking ACC classes include:

- Earn both college and high school credit simultaneously.
- Explore college programs

What can you buy with \$40?



8-10 coffees from your favorite coffee spot



4-5 streaming new release movie rentals and a box of microwave popcorn



4 college credits through Advanced College Credit (ACC) from Clackamas Community College!

and career options without declaring a major.

- Save nearly \$400 for a 4-credit class.
- Spend less time working toward a degree or certificate.
- Jumpstart a four-year education as many ACC classes transfer to public universities.

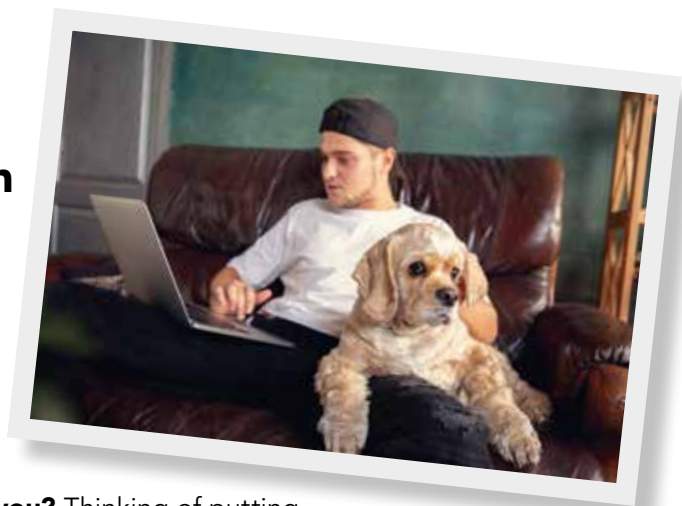
“This is a great opportunity for students to become familiar with college-level work. It's an affordable and accessible way to prepare them for college and their future. Research shows

that students who enroll in programs such as ACC are more likely than their peers to finish high school, enter college and complete a degree,” Jaime Clarke, CCC director of Education Partnerships, said.

For more information about the program and how to register, visit www.clackamas.edu/start-college-now. Course offerings and registration periods vary by high school. For questions, contact Ashlee Hodgkinson at 503-594-3499 or accinfo@clackamas.edu.

Remote learning has its perks.

- No commuting to campus
- Affordable tuition
- 100s of classes to choose from
- **Pet-friendly classrooms**



Think online classes aren't for you? Thinking of putting your education on hold until in-person learning resumes? **Why delay?** Take advantage of some of the often overlooked stress-reducing benefits of learning remotely. Go far at home while you collect affordable and transferable college credits from our high-quality online classes taught by a skilled and supportive faculty. **Stay the course, take a class.**

Start today by finding your focus at www.clackamas.edu/find-your-focus.

