



Clackamas Community College

NEWS AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION INFORMATION FROM CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE • SPRING 2024



CLIMB TO NEW HEIGHTS!

Arboriculture isn't just about studying trees — it's a journey into understanding their lifecycles, health and the crucial role they play in our environment.

Whether you're a nature enthusiast, aspiring arborist or just curious about the incredible life within our forests, swing into the fascinating world of arboriculture with us!

What is an arborist?

Arborists are professionals who specialize in the care and maintenance of trees. They are trained to identify tree species, diagnose tree diseases and recommend appropriate treatments. Arborists also work to ensure trees are healthy, safe and aesthetically pleasing.

What will I learn by studying arboriculture?

You'll get hands-on training to prepare for in-demand jobs in the arboriculture industry.

Learn sustainable tree care practices to nurture and protect our urban green spaces. Some of the things you'll learn include:

- Tree biology and physiology
- Pruning techniques and methods
- Pest and disease management
- Tree climbing and rigging techniques
- And much more!

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2 **FREE DROP-IN CHILD CARE:** Clackamas Community College and the YMCA have partnered to provide free child care services on the college's Oregon City campus.



3 **STUDY ABROAD:** Learning takes on a new dimension when you are exploring wildlife in the Costa Rican rainforest or practicing your French in a café in the sunny south of France.

CCC and YMCA partner to launch free child care program

Clackamas Community College has partnered with the YMCA of Columbia-Willamette to provide free drop-in child care services at the college's Oregon City campus. According to CCC's annual fall student survey, child care remains one of the top barriers students face while attending college.

This collaboration with the YMCA supports CCC students who are parents or guardians, ensuring they can access convenient child care during essential meetings, advising sessions or short one-to-two-hour classes.

"This partnership is a testament to our commitment to supporting our diverse student body, particularly adult learners who are also parents or guardians," Tara Sprehe, dean of academic foundations and connections, said. "We believe that by offering accessible child care options, we empower our student-caregivers to pursue their educational goals while ensuring the needs of their families are met."

The free drop-in child care service is available Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To use this service,



current and prospective student-caregivers can show their current student ID or obtain a "day pass" from the Wacheno Welcome Center desk. Children must be potty trained and aged 3-12, and families should allow time for registration to ensure all appropriate information is captured to provide the highest quality care possible.

"It has been a privilege to partner with Clackamas Community College for over two decades, and this is another example of our commitment to serve families on campus. We are thrilled to offer



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another child care option in collaboration with CCC to meet the needs of students," Kelly Ace, YMCA executive director, said.

The YMCA also offers additional child care options at its facility, which is located on the Oregon City campus in the Family Resource Center. The college's Associated Student Government offers child care

grants for qualifying students.

For more information about child care at CCC, visit www.clackamas.edu/child-care. For more information about the YMCA child care programs, visit www.ymcacw.org/facility/clackamas-child-development-center.

Climb: Become a tree whisperer and champion

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Who will hire me?

You'll have the opportunity to work for a variety of private tree care companies that specialize in residential and commercial tree services. Other employment opportunities include government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

After completing your degree, you may want to consider obtaining certification from a professional organization, such as the International Society of Arboriculture. Certification

can help demonstrate your knowledge and expertise to potential employers and clients.

What's the job outlook, and how much can I earn?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the employment of grounds maintenance workers, including arborists, is projected to grow 8% from 2020 to 2030.

While you might pursue a range of job titles such as arborist, urban forester or tree inspector — starting off as a tree trimmer or pruner has a

median salary in the Portland metro area of \$46,683.

What arboriculture degree does CCC offer?

Clackamas Community College offers an associate of applied science degree:

- Landscape Management AAS, Arboriculture Option – 2 years

Is CCC's arboriculture degree accredited?

This program is accredited by the National Association of Landscape Professionals.

This accreditation ensures the program meets industry standards and provides high-quality education in arboriculture.

Become a tree whisperer and champion for nature!

Let's grow together to help you cultivate a career that combines passion with purpose. Scan the QR code on the front cover of this newsletter to connect with us and learn more!



IMPORTANT DATES CCC SPRING TERM 2024

Want more information about CCC events? Sign up for our monthly newsletter at www.clackamas.edu/community-member.

STUDENTS / STAFF

Registration beginsFeb. 26
FAFSA NightMarch 7
Spring breakMarch 25-29
Term beginsApril 1
CTE ShowcaseApril 9
CommencementJune 14
Term endsJune 15

HOLIDAYS / CAMPUS CLOSURES

Memorial DayMay 27
JuneteenthJune 19

MUSIC EVENTS

NW invitational band contestMarch 12
Vocal jazz festivalMarch 14
Instrumental jazz festivalMarch 15-16
For upcoming music events, visit www.clackamas.edu/music-events.

ART EVENTS

Winter art exhibitthrough March 15
For upcoming art events, visit www.clackamas.edu/art-galleries.

THEATER EVENTS

Seats are limited.
Winter mainstageFeb. 29-March 10
Student performance showcase... March 5-6
For upcoming theater events, visit www.clackamas.edu/theatre.

ATHLETICS

For upcoming athletic events, visit clackamascougars.com.

ELC EVENTS

Stewardship SaturdaysMarch 2
Stewardship SaturdaysApril 6
Stewardship SaturdaysMay 4
Stewardship SaturdaysJune 1
For upcoming Environmental Learning Center events, visit www.clackamas.edu/elc/adults



Study Abroad

Join CCC in Costa Rica or Europe this summer!

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Learning takes on a new dimension when you are exploring wildlife in the Costa Rican rainforest or practicing your French in a café in the sunny south of France. CCC's popular study abroad program is back with two exciting destinations to choose from this spring: Costa Rica and Europe.

When you study abroad with CCC, you can earn college credit while traveling, challenge yourself with new experiences, participate in cultural exchange and make lifelong memories. These opportunities for learning and travel aren't just open to current students; any community member over age 18 can sign up!

Costa Rica - June 16-24

Costa Rica trip highlights include snorkeling, rainforest excursions, boat rides and canopy tours. Participants will travel coast to coast, staying in breathtaking locations across the country, including the Arenal volcano, Tortuguero, and the Sarapiquí and Guanacaste regions. Participants can register for one of the associated CCC spring term classes in zoology, bird identification or intercultural communication to earn college credit or just sign up for the trip.

Cost: \$4,000 includes airfare, accommodations, travel fees, meals, course-related excursions and travel insurance. Tuition and fees for course credit are not included. **Application Deadline:** March 8

France and Spain – June 15-30

Trip highlights include French language classes at the University of Perpignan, guided tours and sightseeing in southern France, cultural excursions, beach trips and more! You will also spend three days in Barcelona to cap off the adventure. No prior language experience is required. Participants can register for one of the associated CCC spring term classes in French or popular literature to earn college credit or just sign up for the trip.

Cost: \$4,500 includes accommodations, some meals and transportation, excursions and cultural activities, and estimated airfare. Tuition and fees for course credit are not included.

Ready to learn and travel with CCC? Scan the QR code above to learn more!



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Did you know that February is National Career Technical Education Month? Career technical education (CTE) are programs that focus on providing students with the skills and knowledge needed for specific careers or industries. These programs often combine academic learning with hands-on, practical experience to prepare students for employment.

At CCC, our 90+ career technical education programs are designed to equip students like you with the skills and expertise required for professions in well-paying fields like health care, manufacturing, welding, automotive repair and more.

Earning a degree or certificate in a CTE program can give you a competitive edge in the job market. We collaborate with industry partners to ensure the curriculum aligns with the current needs of the workforce, providing students with relevant and up-to-date skills.

Also, we have launched several short-term programs that get you job-ready in just 6 months or less. Whether you are looking to acquire new skills, explore a passion or enhance your career prospects, CCC has the career technical education programs for you.

I encourage you to explore these exciting opportunities at CCC and take advantage of the offerings available this spring. Your journey to personal and professional growth starts here at Clackamas Community College.

Tim S. Cook

Dr. Tim Cook
CCC President

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Please register directly through the Community Education partner hosting the class you would like to attend.

Do you have a passion to teach others in Clackamas County? If so, become a part-time Community Education instructor!

CCC's Community Education Office is seeking part-time instructors to teach quality, non-credit courses and workshops in a variety of topics, including fitness, exercise, language, dance and more. Our part-time instructors earn \$25.14/hour.

For more information, contact the Community Education Office at 503-594-0627 or communityeducation@clackamas.edu.

GLADSTONE

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

CANBY

Bridging Cultures | 503-592-3781
www.bridgingculturescanby.org

WILSONVILLE

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

West Linn/Wilsonville Family Empowerment Center | 503-673-7690
www.wlww.k12.or.us/domain/3726

WEST LINN

West Linn Parks and Recreation
503-557-4700 | <https://westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec>

MILWAUKIE

Milwaukie Community 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
<https://occe.ocsd62.org>

Oregon City Swimming Pool | 503-657-8273
www.orcity.org/904/Aquatics

Pioneer Community Center | 503-657-8287
www.orcity.org/499/Pioneer-Community-Center

TEAM OREGON

Motorcycle/Scooter Safety Training
800-545-9944 | <https://teamoregon.org>



Explore all that CCC has to offer at the CTE Showcase and Career Fair

Clackamas Community College opens doors to more than 90 degree and certificate programs. If you want to step out of the traditional classroom and into a hands-on workspace and earn a certificate or a degree that gets you job-ready in two years or less, CCC is the right choice.

Students, their families and community members are invited to learn about some of our career technical programs at our annual CTE Showcase and Career Fair on Tuesday, April 9, 3:30-6:30 p.m., in the Holden Industrial Technology Center on the Oregon City campus.

What to expect

Interactive showcase:

- Engage with hands-on demonstrations, activities and displays from career technical education programs, showcasing the skills and knowledge students acquire.

Informational booths:

- Explore booths that provide insights into different career pathways, educational programs, resources and opportunities for further learning.



To learn more or register, scan the QR code or visit www.clackamas.edu/CTE.

Programs featured

- Apprenticeship
- Auto body/collision repair and refinishing technology
- Automotive service technology
- Business
- Computer science
- Electronics engineering technology
- Health sciences
- Horticulture
- Industrial maintenance technology
- Machine tool technology/computer-aided manufacturing
- Renewable energy technology
- Water and environmental technology
- Welding
- Wildland fire

Instructors will be on hand to talk about their programs. Tour the buildings, shops and labs, and meet with employers. Learn how to pay for college, including free money like scholarships and grants. Participants at this event may receive one of 25 free tuition waivers good for up to four credits at CCC – a value of \$484. There will also be free food and child care available.

Networking opportunities:

- Connect with industry professionals and educators to discuss potential career paths and educational pursuits.

Get job ready, FAST, at CCC

If you are looking to get into a well-paying career in a short amount of time, Clackamas Community College has options for you. The college recently launched several exciting short-term programs, which can be completed

in 6 months or less.



Renewable energy and industrial maintenance technology | Earn an Energy Systems Maintenance Technician certificate and learn how to diagnose and repair electromechanical systems through our 6-month training program. This certificate is a quick path to entry-level careers in manufacturing, and installation and maintenance of renewable energy production (solar, wind, geothermal). Students in this program may qualify for no-cost tuition, textbooks, tools, course materials and fees for industry-recognized credentials.

Scan the QR code to learn more or visit www.clackamas.edu/renewable-energy.



Welding | This new welding certificate is designed to fast-track individuals into welding and fabrication careers. This program expedites the way students gain the skills and knowledge required for entry-level welding positions.

The Initial Welding Certificate of Completion is ideal for both newcomers to the field and those looking to transition into a welding career. With an emphasis on convenience and comprehensive training, this program offers numerous benefits to aspiring welders.

Scan the QR code to learn more or visit www.clackamas.edu/initial-welding.



Phlebotomy | With just 6 months of classes, individuals can become certified phlebotomists and join the vital health care workforce. Phlebotomists are highly trained professionals responsible for collecting blood samples from individuals. They play a crucial role in clinics, hospitals and laboratories, ensuring safe and accurate blood collection for medical purposes.

They not only collect blood but also prepare the samples for testing. Responsibilities may extend to explaining the blood-drawing procedure to patients, helping to alleviate any concerns and ensuring a comfortable experience for those they serve.

Scan the QR code to learn more or visit www.clackamas.edu/phlebotomy.



Get help completing your 2024/25 scholarship applications and FAFSA or ORSAA!

Thursday, March 7, 5-7 p.m.
Smart Lab WC 151
Wacheno Welcome Center
Oregon City campus

FAFSA and Scholarship Application Night

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