

Article VIII: Instruction

Section A: Programs

Policy 010: Comprehensive Program

VIII.A.010: Instruction is the primary task of the College. RCC administration shall promote teaching to implement the learning, growth and development process. It is the desire of the RCC Board of Education to develop an environment where “excellent teaching” is the norm.

The administration may organize a certificate, diploma, or short-term training program of fewer than the number of units required for an associate degree to accommodate those students who have a strong need for a program leading to a specific occupational competence but who, for various reasons, do not enroll in a regular degree program.

RCC shall award the Associate of Science, Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer, Associate of Science/Oregon Transfer-Business, Associate of Science/Oregon Transfer-Computer Science, Associate of Applied Science, and Associate of General Studies degrees upon satisfactory completion of an established course of study approved by the Board and the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development.

Emphasis is not to be given to any one of the following programs to the exclusion of others. The College shall strive to remain responsive to changing needs and shall alter programs and services as required, including:

1. Preparatory professional technical programs for those who wish to enter careers in technology, business and industry.
2. Professional technical programs that provide an opportunity for people to upgrade existing job skills and acquire new skills required by the job market.
3. Lower division transfer programs.
4. Personal development and enrichment process.
5. High school completion courses as a cooperative effort between RCC and local high school districts.
6. Cultural and community services including partnerships with business, industry, labor and others.
7. Remediation instruction to assist those adults seeking to achieve basic levels of occupational and educational competence, including GED preparation, as well as readiness for post-secondary education.
8. Development and delivery of learning opportunities in various settings, including apprenticeship programs, cooperative work experiences, on-the-job learning, internships, as well as self-paced, computer-assisted learning and distance learning.

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Policy 020: Career/Technical Education

VIII.A.020: RCC the responsibilities inherent in the broad legislative objectives set forth in state and federal workforce directives, and will strive to maintain harmonious working relations with all organizations or agencies concerned with workforce problems, especially worker and industry organizations.

The administration shall not pursue the development of any career technical training program until it has been determined there is a reasonable prospect of employment for persons trained in that program. Career technical advisory committees shall be appointed and consulted when programs are revised or when new programs are proposed.

With respect to apprenticeship programs, RCC shall cooperate with the State Apprenticeship and Training Council and with the appropriate apprenticeship committees to provide training opportunities of mutual benefit to all parties.

RCC will set tuition fees in compliance with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) that pertain to apprenticeship and training programs. RCC will work toward reciprocal agreements to facilitate movement of apprentices without additional out-of-district costs. Tuition for out-of-district apprentices will be agreed upon by contract annually.

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Policy 030: Curriculum Approval

VIII.A.030: New curricula at RCC shall be approved according to policies formulated by the appropriate state agency. Appropriate administrative procedures shall also be submitted to state agencies for ratification as required.

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Policy 040: Supplementary Class Activities

VIII.A.040: Supplementary class activities at the College such as field trips and attendance at professional on-and-off campus productions are encouraged when appropriate educational value would be obtained.