

Welcome to Rogue Community College

Rogue Community College makes an outstanding choice for students seeking a progressive, collegial, and responsive teaching and learning community.

The college provides accessible, affordable, quality classes; career pathways to enhance employability; and connects students with workforce opportunities.

RCC fosters the social, civic, cultural and economic vitality of the region's diverse community.

Accreditation

RCC is fully accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council on Post-secondary Accreditation and by the U.S. Department of Education.

Accreditation was reaffirmed in 2007 on the basis of the fall 2006 regular interim evaluation report and visit. The college submitted a focused interim report in spring 2008.

Being accredited enables the college to transfer credits to other approved institutions and also means students can receive grants and financial aid. The process is important in assuring that RCC is doing its job well and responding to the needs of students and the community.

Courses and programs are approved by the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. Professional associations have accredited those career and technical education programs that require approval. RCC is approved as a veterans training institution by the Veterans Administration.

The college is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges, the Association of Community College Trustees, and the Oregon Community College Association.

Information about RCC accreditation and licensing is available for review at the RCC libraries.

Budget and funding

Rogue Community College was established in 1970 by a vote of the electorate of Josephine County. In 1996-97, voters in Jackson and Josephine counties approved expansion of the RCC district to include all of Jackson County. Today, along with growth of programs, facilities and num-

bers of employees, the college's general fund budget totals approximately \$29.2 million.

As a comprehensive two-year public community college chartered by the state of Oregon, RCC receives state funding (21.66 percent), local property taxes (35.39 percent), tuition and fees (32.61 percent), and other revenues (10 percent) in support of its annual operating budget.

Facilities

Originally constructed in the late 1960s as a Job Corps training center, the RCC Redwood Campus has undergone considerable remodeling and transformation. Located five miles west of Grants Pass, the campus encompasses 84 wooded acres covered by 192,964 square feet of facilities, including many classrooms and modern laboratory space.

A 7,000-square-foot Early Childhood Education Center is occupied by Josephine County Head Start and used by RCC Early Childhood Education students as a lab school.

In Jackson County, the Riverside Campus is a collection of several buildings in downtown Medford, including the historic former Montgomery Wards building, extensively renovated and used now for classrooms and college services.

The newest addition to the Riverside Campus is the RCC/SOU Higher Education Center. The 68,709-square-foot center opened fall 2008 and is jointly owned and occupied by RCC and Southern Oregon University.

RCC also leases 12,000 square feet from the Jackson County Central Library in downtown Medford.

The 105,000-square-foot Table Rock Campus in White City houses career and technical education programs such as construction, diesel, manufacturing, electronics, public safety, EMT, apprenticeships, landscaping, commercial truck driving, and short-term training.

RCC also offers classes at the Business Development Center in Grants Pass and the Illinois Valley Learning and Entrepreneurial centers in Kerby.

Programs/degrees

Rogue offers five associate degrees and 50 career and technical programs.

Additionally, a variety of workforce and short-term trainings are offered, along with academic skills programs, a wide range of community education classes, and services to local businesses.

Associate of Applied Science degree

The career and technical programs lead to a certificate of completion or Associate of Applied Science degree. These programs are designed for career entry at the conclusion of one or two years of study. Courses for professionals and technicians seeking continuing education for career advancement are available also.

Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer degree

College courses may culminate in the Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer degree. Those completing the AA/OT degree are assured of junior-level standing and the completion of general education requirements at any public institution in the Oregon University System. Completion of this degree also is considered the best preparation for transfer to out-of-state or private institutions.

Associate of General Studies

The Associate of General Studies degree provides the opportunity for students to acquire a broad education rather than pursuing a specific college major.

Associate of Science/Oregon Transfer degree in Business

The Associate of Science/Oregon Transfer degree in Business is designed for students transferring to baccalaureate degree programs in business majors. Those completing the ASOT/Business degree are assured junior level standing and will have met the lower division general education requirements of any institution in the Oregon University System.

Associate of Science degree

The Associate of Science degree is designed for students transferring to baccalaureate degree programs in applied areas. The AS degree allows students to

focus their studies in a particular discipline based upon signed articulation agreements with the universities that have agreed to accept RCC students.

Rogue has signed articulation agreements with Southern Oregon University for the following programs: Business, Computer Information Science, Computer Programming and Software, Computer Security and Information Assurance, Criminology, Early Childhood Development, Elementary Education, Human Services and Multimedia; and with Oregon Institute of Technology for Manufacturing/Engineering Technology and Information Technology/Health Informatics.

Students must work closely with advisors in their fields of interest to ensure electives are appropriate.

Adult Basic Skills

Basic skills programs for adults offer instruction in areas such as reading, writing, and mathematics. This instruction is provided through Adult Basic Skills (ABS) programs for Basic Skills Review, General Educational Development (GED), and English as a Second Language (ESL).

Academic Skills

Academic Skills courses are provided for college students whose placement tests indicate a need for writing, reading, mathematics, or study skills improvement. Tutoring assistance is provided for all credit-enrolled students.

Continuing education

Continuing education includes classes offered for personal enrichment, professional development, and short-term workforce or business training. They generally are non-credit self-supporting classes.

Foundation

www.RCCFoundation.org

H Building, Redwood Campus,
(541) 956-7327

In the early 1970s, faculty and managers established a \$5,000 loan fund, of which all but a few dollars was distributed to students, meeting 98 percent of requests.

These early grass roots efforts to help students grew into the RCC Foundation,

a private, non-profit group that accepts tax-deductible gifts and bequests, sponsors fund-raising events, and makes funds available in support of students and the college.

Today, the RCC Foundation has more than \$5 million in assets and supports the college through scholarships and direct funding to programs.

Students

Students attend Rogue for a variety of reasons. Most come to upgrade or learn new job skills, many come for the first steps toward earning higher academic degrees, and a large number enroll for personal enrichment and professional development. This diversity of purpose creates an enthusiastic and challenging student body whose members are dedicated to fulfilling their individual educational and career goals.

By the end of the 2008-09 school year, approximately 17,013 students had enrolled at RCC. That number represented the full-time equivalent (FTE) of 4,671 students.

Faculty and staff

Rogue Community College employs approximately 317 permanent employees: 41 managers, 91 full-time faculty, 185 classified staff. In addition, the college employs approximately 606 part-time faculty.

The faculty brings a wealth of education and experience to their classroom teaching. Several faculty members have earned doctorates in their fields of study, the majority possess master's degrees, and in the RCC career and technical education programs, instructors add practical experience to their academic training.

Members of the faculty are available during regular office hours to assist students with academic advising, career counseling, and assistance in registering for classes.

Adults with disabilities

Rogue Community College complies with all state and federal regulations including the following:

..."no otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States...shall, solely by reason of...handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance..."

— Section 504,
1973 Rehabilitation Act

..."no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity..."

— 1990 Americans
with Disabilities Act

To request academic accommodations as a student with a disability, see Office of Disability Services under Student and Community Services in this catalog.

Diversity

Recognizing diversity as a defining characteristic of American society in the 21st century, Rogue Community College has increased its efforts to become a multicultural institution through recruitment strategies designed to enhance the diversity of faculty, staff, and students, and through integrating diversity in academics and activities at Rogue. Copies of the Cultural Diversity Plan, adopted by the RCC Board of Education, are on file in the President's Office.

Declaración de diversidad

Conociendo que la diversidad es una característica que define la sociedad americana en el siglo veintiuno, Rogue Community College ha aumentado sus esfuerzos en hacerse una institución multicultural a través de estrategias de reclutamiento diseñadas para aumentar la diversidad del profesorado, empleados y alumnos, y por la integración de diversidad en las clases y actividades en Rogue.

El "Plan de Diversidad Cultural," adoptado por la "Rogue Community College Board of Education," está archivado en la oficina del presidente de la institución.

Non-discrimination statement

In compliance with state and federal laws, Rogue Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, gender or disability in employment, in any of its educational programs or in the provision of benefits and services to students.

Questions about equal opportunity or non-discrimination should be directed

to the executive dean of College Services, (541) 956-7016. Accessible formats for people with disabilities are available by calling (541) 956-7337, or TTY (541) 956-7338.

Declaración no discriminatoria

De acuerdo con las leyes estatales y federales, Rogue Community College no discrimina sobre la base de raza, religión, color, origen nacional, edad, género, o discapacidad causada por el empleo, o en ninguno de sus programas educacionales, o en la provisión de beneficios y servicios para los estudiantes.

Las personas que tengan preguntas en cuanto a las oportunidades de igualdad o de no-discriminación deben de ponerse en contacto con el Decano de Servicios del Colegio. Los formatos accesibles para las personas con discapacidades están disponibles llamando al (541) 956-7337 o TTY (541) 956-7338.

Information about this catalog

Rogue Community College publishes this catalog to provide its students and community members current information about the college and its programs. The college makes every effort to publish accurate information; however, it may be necessary to make changes after the catalog has been printed. These changes may affect the procedures, policies, academic calendar, curricula, or tuition and fees. Therefore, this catalog is to be viewed primarily as a guide in planning a course of study and not as a contract between students and the college.

Intoxicants and controlled substances

The unlawful possession, use, manufacture or distribution of controlled substances is prohibited at RCC. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages at the college or at any college-sponsored event also is prohibited. For more detailed information, please see "Use of intoxicants and controlled substances" in the policy section of this catalog.