MEDFORD — Ready for a career change? Get the scoop on job growth in the Rogue Valley and learn about emerging markets, hot careers, and in-demand jobs at a one-day seminar on career transformation.

Scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 5 at the RCC/SOU Higher Education Center, 101 S. Bartlett Ave., the event is sponsored by Rogue Community College, Southern Oregon University, WorkSource Oregon Employment Department, and The Job Council.

The seminar is aimed at those in mid-career. Panel discussions on successful career transitions, mid-level hiring needs, and growth areas in the Rogue Valley are planned along with college/university admissions and financial aid application assistance, information about employment opportunities and training, and resources for starting a business. Participants will have access to a computer lab where they can complete an online career assessment.

Registration is $10. For more information call 541-552-6899 or visit www.sou.edu/community.

Ainoura Oussenbec, workforce analyst with WorkSource Oregon Employment Department, will be the keynote speaker. Her topic is “Rogue Valley Employment Growth Potential.” Also scheduled are the following panels:

• “Stories of Successful Transitions” — How do you begin to change your career? Assess your skills? Can your experience and skills apply to a totally new direction? What are the risks? Panelists share their success stories.

• “Opportunities with the Rogue Valley’s Large Employers” — Mid-career professional with a polished set of skills have much to offer. Hear from leading employers about their mid-level employment challenges, opportunities for growth, and what they look for.

• “Technology Careers” — Southern Oregon industries need employees with technical skills in electronics, design, engineering, manufacturing, and communications. Hear directly from company representatives on mid-career opportunities and skill requirements. Minimal re-training and capitalizing on existing skills could result in a new career.

• “Careers in Healthcare and Retirement” — Healthcare services face growing demand. From a new focus on wellness and preventative care to rapidly expanding need for in-home care providers, meaningful career opportunities abound. Hear from large institutions and small about healthcare in the Rogue Valley.

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A series of workshops also are planned on these topics:

- Online degrees — how they work and how to find a good one
- Interviewing skills
- Apprenticeships and on-the-job training
- Resume writing
- Weathering transition in a career
- Improving technology skills
- Work for yourself in your own business

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