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RCC staff member named to leadership institute

Laurel Pederson, health professions education coordinator, at Rogue Community College, will attend the Oregon Institute for Leadership Development (OILD), a state program for faculty, staff and administrators in Oregon’s community colleges interested in leadership, personal and professional growth.

Pederson was chosen to participate in the four-day program, which includes sessions on human relations skills, problem solving, balancing priorities, team building, leadership, and organizational transformation as well as discussions with state experts and community college leaders on the issues confronting community colleges during the next decade.

Participants are chosen for their professional abilities and potential and their interest in advancement. OILD is modeled after the National Institute for Leadership Development, a professional development institute for women in higher education and public service.

Pederson has a bachelor’s degree in biology and a master’s degree in secondary science education. She started out in the medical field and went on to teach high school science. She served as science chair for 12 years for several school districts in Washington and Oregon.

Currently, she works with the health care community and the RCC Allied Health Department to coordinates new health care programs such as the Clinical Laboratory Assistant certificate and Medical Assistant certificate programs at RCC. She also is a part-time instructor and a faculty coach in the area of brain considerate classrooms and critical thinking and learning.

Pederson volunteers in the community by speaking to high school students attending career fairs and works with the American Association of Women in Community Colleges to raise money for student scholarships.

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