

Career Changer to Becoming an Educator Checklist

Research Colleges and Majors

Not all universities offer an educator preparation program leading to teacher licensure in Oregon. The most common program leading to teacher licensure is usually Elementary Education. If you are interested in teaching special education, a particular content area at the secondary level or if you want to teach in an area that is offered K-12 like art, physical education, or music, it pays to research carefully to determine that the program you want is offered. Attending a College Fair can also help you learn more about the program delivery models offered (in person, online, or hybrid), the institution's values and supports for students, the comparative costs for tuition and fees, and special scholarships or tuition remissions/supports offered.

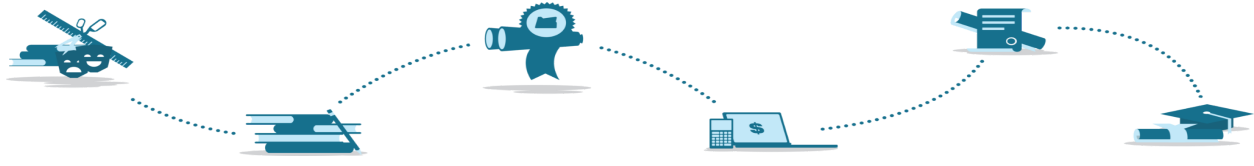
Oregon is always looking for Career and Technical Education licensed teachers in areas like Health Sciences, Manufacturing, Computer Information Science, Construction, or Diesel Mechanics. Teachers of CTE courses may come from a traditional teacher education program and have industry experience. They also may come from industry and need some education coursework. Either way, to teach in an Oregon state approved CTE program, the instructor must have an appropriate CTE license and/or endorsement that is specific to the program career

Choosing a school with an Educator Preparation Program (EPP)

- [Oregon's Colleges](#)
- [TSPC](#) approved Educator Preparation Programs (EPP)
- Longterm goals of being an educator
- Meet with an Advisor and ask about:
 - Scholarships
 - Placement exams
 - Flexible pathways
 - Student teaching placement and process
 - Supports with coursework and affinity groups
 - Deadlines for application
 - Program outline and courses
 - [Endorsements](#) offered
 - Timeline and graduation date



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Financial Aid and Scholarships

- [Learn about Financial Aid](#) and talk with your family about support for college
- Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or [Oregon Student Aid Application \(ORSAA\)](#) for undocumented students
- Apply for Scholarships through the [Office of Student Access and Completion](#) (OSAC)
- Determine if you are eligible for the [Oregon Teacher Scholars Program](#)
- Research the [Oregon Opportunity Grant](#) if attending either community college or 4-year university



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