

Financial Resources

There are a number of resources available to assist in earning your Certificate. We have listed just a few of them below. For complete information on how these programs may apply to you, please use the contact information provided for each program.

Financial Aid

The Portland State University Professional Development Center is frequently asked whether there is financial aid available for our programs. Students must be admitted to a program of study leading to a degree or certificate. Students must be attending at least half time (6 credit hours per term) and be taking courses for credit.

The financial aid process normally takes an average of 3 months from application to aid disbursement.

- Apply for admission to Portland State University
- Submission of a Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) form

To learn more about the Financial Aid process and eligibility requirements please visit

http://www.pdx.edu/finaid/getting_started.html

Source: PSU Office of Financial Aid

PSU Revolving Charge Account Plan (RCAP)

PSU offers a payment plan to all qualified students. Application forms may be downloaded at <http://www.pdx.edu/bao/forms.html>, or you may call the Office of Business Affairs (503-725-3440).

Please note: If you are only registering for Professional Development Center courses no non-payment late fee is assessed at the end of the term. However, if you are taking other non-PDC courses on campus, and have not paid off the account by the end of the term, a late fee will be assessed.

Source: PSU Extended Studies

Hope Scholarship Credit

Taxpayers may be eligible to claim the Hope Scholarship Credit against their federal income taxes. The Hope Scholarship Credit may be claimed for the qualified tuition and related expenses of each student in the taxpayer's family (i.e. the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, or an eligible dependent) who is enrolled at least half-time in one of the first two years of postsecondary education and who is enrolled in a program leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential.

For current and complete information regarding the Hope Scholarship Credit and eligibility visit www.irs.ustreas.gov or consult your tax advisor.

Source: US Internal Revenue Service

Lifetime Learning Tax Credit

The Lifetime Learning Credit may be claimed for the qualified tuition and related expenses of the students in the taxpayer's family (i.e., the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, or an eligible dependent) who are enrolled in eligible educational institutions.

For current and complete information regarding the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit visit www.irs.ustreas.gov or consult your tax advisor.

Source: US Internal Revenue Service

SLM Financial Corporation Loans

SLM Financial Corporation, a Sallie Mae company, offers flexible, low-interest Career Training LoansSM designed to help you further your career. Any student who needs money for education is eligible to apply, whether you are attending full, half, or less than half-time at a two-year or four-year school.

You may borrow a minimum of \$1000 up to the total cost of your education (less any other aid received). That includes the money you need for related costs such as books, fees, a computer, software, and living expenses. For complete details or to obtain an application visit http://www.salliemae.com/get_student_loan/find_student_loan/training_loans/ or call 1-877-834-9851.

Source: SLM Financial Corporation

Other Support Services

WorkSource Portland Metro Centers, formerly referred to as One Stop Career Centers, provide communities with access to information and resources that can assist people in their career planning, job search activities, and skill development. Self-directed resource rooms at each center provide access to computer workstations, job orders and listings, resume software, and a wealth of planning and job search assistance information.

Old Town Portland:

WorkSource Portland Metro Old Town
Central City Concern and Oregon Employment Department
2 NW Second Ave.
Portland, OR 97209
503.226.7387
TTY: 503.229.6972

East Multnomah County:

WorkSource Portland Metro East
Mt. Hood Community College and Oregon Employment Department
19421 SE Stark Street
Portland, OR 97233
503.669.7112

Southeast Portland:

SE Works
6927 SE Foster Road
Portland, OR 97206
503.772.2300
TTY: 503.772.2305

North/Northeast Portland:

Metro One Stop
5600 NE 42nd Avenue, Bldg 2
Portland, OR 97218
503.943.2000

WorkSource Portland Metro North:

Portland Community College and Oregon Employment Department
4610 N. Trenton
Portland, OR 97203
503.943.5600

Washington County:

Capital Career Center
Building C
18624 NW Walker Road
Beaverton, OR 97006
503.533.2713
TTY: 503.735.2900

Mailing Address:
PO Box 19000
Portland, OR 97280

Forest Grove Employment and Training Center:

2801 Pacific Ave
Forest Grove, OR 97116
503-992-7384

Hillsboro Employment Department (affiliate)

265 SE Oak, Suite A
Hillsboro, OR 97123
503.681.0219

Employment, Training & Business Services (Marylhurst Campus) (503-534-5500)

One-Stop employment services for Clackamas County. Visit www.co.clackamas.or.us/occ or call 503-534-5500 to learn more about available services.

Source: ETBS

SE Works (6927 SE Foster Road, Portland) (503-772-2300)

The SE Works Neighborhood Jobs Center/SE One Stop is a partnership of community-based agencies, government organizations, private nonprofits and businesses. Its mission is to increase the economic health and well being of diverse southeast Portland neighborhoods by enhancing business and community access to employment resources. Visit www.seworks.org to learn more about available services.

Source: SE Works

Steps to Success (Various locations in Portland)

Steps to Success is a program designed to provide comprehensive educational, social, and employment services to enable job seekers to gain the skills and qualifications necessary to obtain permanent jobs or to transition into a new career. This program is a collaborative partnership between Mt. Hood and Portland Community Colleges, Oregon Adult and Family Services (AFS), Oregon Employment Department, Work Systems, Inc., Human Solutions, numerous employers in the Portland Metro Workforce, and state and local community action organizations. Steps to Success is a "One Stop" affiliate and is open to the public. For further details contact the office nearest you.

Eastside: 503-669-7112
North/Northeast: 503-280-6046
SE Portland: 503-772-2300
Northwest/Westside: 503-533-2713

Source: Steps to Success