



# Oregon Transfer Pathways to the Liberal Arts

## Grant Summary

The Oregon Transfer Pathways to the Liberal Arts (OTP-LA) is an exciting project that aims to revolutionize how students transition from Oregon's community colleges to The Alliance's private, nonprofit universities, paving the way for a seamless and fulfilling educational journey.

OTP-LA builds on Oregon's strong foundation in transfer articulation, leveraging existing statewide tools like the Oregon Transfer Compass and HB 2998 legislation. Our focus is on developing clear, curricular pathways in core liberal arts disciplines, allowing students to transfer credits effortlessly and progress towards their bachelor's degrees with confidence.

The project hinges on several key pillars:

- **Data-informed collaboration:** We'll gather data and best practices from both community colleges and Alliance institutions to identify challenges and opportunities in the transfer process.
- **Faculty learning communities:** Cross-institutional faculty teams will delve into curriculum articulation, ensuring smooth credit transfer and academic coherence for students.
- **Shared goals and vision:** We'll co-create a roadmap for the future, establishing shared goals and a collaborative vision for liberal arts transfer in Oregon.

OTP-LA isn't just about paperwork and policy; it's about people. We believe every student deserves access to a transformative liberal arts education, regardless of their starting point. By simplifying the transfer process and fostering close collaboration between institutions, we're creating a supportive ecosystem where students can thrive.

This project holds immense potential. With eight Alliance colleges and all of Oregon's 17 community colleges committed to collaborating, we're poised to make a significant impact. Transfer students will benefit from clearer pathways, streamlined transfer procedures, and a more robust understanding of how their community college credits translate to a private liberal arts degree.

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# OTP-LA Initiatives

 Southwestern Oregon Community College



The OTP-LA project includes twelve dynamic initiatives, each dedicated to a specific aspect of enhancing student success during the transition from community colleges to Alliance institutions. From crafting informative resources for potential transfer students to securing guaranteed admission agreements and building wraparound support systems on Alliance campuses, these committees tackle diverse yet interconnected challenges.

## Concludes September 2024

- Develop informational material for potential transfer students
- Design wraparound support for transfer students on Alliance campuses
- Build transfer map and articulation agreement for mathematics majors
- Design training modules for faculty who either send or receive transfer students
- Generate innovative ideas to increase number of successful transfer students

## Concludes December 2024

- Build transfer map and articulation agreement for biology majors
- Develop guaranteed admissions agreements for ASOT, AAOT, OTM
- Develop guaranteed admissions agreements for adopted MTMs

## Concludes December 2025

- Build transfer map and articulation agreement for English/writing majors
- Build transfer map and articulation agreement for psychology majors
- Establish reverse transfer agreements
- Develop options for additional financial resources for transfer students

# Participating Institutions

## Alliance Partner Institutions (APIs)

Bushnell University  
Corban University  
George Fox University  
Linfield University  
Pacific University  
University of Portland  
Warner Pacific University  
Willamette University  
Willamette's Pacific Northwest  
College of the Arts

## Community College Partners (CCPs)

Blue Mountain  
Central Oregon  
Chemeketa  
Clackamas  
Clatsop  
Columbia Gorge  
Klamath  
Lane  
Linn-Benton  
Mt. Hood  
Oregon Coast  
Portland  
Rogue  
Southwestern Oregon  
Tillamook Bay  
Treasure Valley  
Umpqua