

SOUTHERN OREGON CAREER CENTER



OUR MISSION FOR TODAY

Empowering Southern Oregon students for career success and regional prosperity.

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Transforming Southern Oregon's future workforce by empowering students to pursue meaningful career pathways. We envision a regional hub where students discover their passions, acquire in-demand skills, and gain hands-on experience, preparing them for successful careers that drive our region's economic growth.

OUR VALUES ALONG THE WAY

- Equity and access to opportunities
- Partnerships with education, community, and industry
- Community involvement and investment
- Innovation in the way we teach, learn, and apply knowledge
- Responsiveness to evolving needs
- Commitment to achieving a future of possibilities

WHO WE ARE

A groundbreaking regional Career and Technical Education (CTE) center is emerging in Southern Oregon. This center seeks to partner with multiple school districts across three counties, providing students with a clear pathway to in-demand healthcare careers. By bridging the gap between classroom learning and industry needs, we equip students with the knowledge, skills, and certifications essential for success. Through hands-on training, internships, and potential dual credit opportunities, students gain invaluable experience and industry connections. Our state-of-the-art facilities and expert instructors foster a passion for technical excellence, empowering the next generation of healthcare professionals to drive Southern Oregon's economic prosperity.

CENTER DEVELOPMENT

Proposed Location: Central Jackson County, ideally within the Central Point or Eagle Point school district boundary for optimal geographic proximity.

Model and Approach: SOCC will develop in phases.

- **PHASE ONE: Finding a location, building/renovating, and development of initial pathway: Healthcare**

- Purchase and renovate a building in Central Jackson County. Explore options for renovating a building owned by Sky Lakes in Klamath County.
- Establish a state-of-the-art healthcare pathway for students.
 - Develop specific certifications and programs aligned with industry needs.
 - Build partnerships with local healthcare providers.
- Provide model, schedule, timeline, etc. to school districts
- Create agreements and MOU with participating school districts
- Communications Plan: aimed at students and families; school boards; community partners, etc.
- Build and develop partnerships with Higher Education
- Develop funding streams and partnerships with industry and donors
- **Target date for opening: September, 2025**

- **PHASE TWO: Expansion and Innovation**

- Explore and develop an aviation pathway based on student interest and industry demand.
- Expand offerings to include additional high-demand career fields as needed.
- Implement flexible program delivery models, such as summer programs, hybrid learning, and satellite locations, to address transportation challenges and expand accessibility.

By prioritizing student success and industry collaboration, SOCC will become a cornerstone of Southern Oregon's workforce development strategy. While the timeline is aggressive, we believe it can be accomplished. The key is to begin small, create a successful model, and then expand and grow.

