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Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE):

Clatsop Community College

Clatsop Community College (CCC) in Astoria, Oregon offers training and education to create pathways for employment supporting the maritime industry along the entire U.S. West Coast. Clatsop Community College is a public institution and a member of the Oregon University System, funded by the state of Oregon and fully accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Their maritime program was established in 1968 as a commercial fishing program, and since then, the education and training offered has blossomed into a robust merchant marine and shoreside maritime industry program.

Through degree and certificate programs, as well as continuing education classes and training, CCC helps meet the needs of the maritime industry and existing workforce through both afloat and ashore career tracks. The Maritime Vessel Operations pathway is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and assists students with obtaining merchant mariner credentials with endorsements for Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping. Additionally, CCC's Maritime Science and Welding Fabrication pathway offers courses that follow the instruction and certification guidelines of the American Welding Society.

CCC is a leader in industry engagement, outreach, and promotion. The College's active industry advisory board helps guide its programs through engagement with industry partners, such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. military, commercial shipping companies, and tug operators. This helps ensure that the curriculum provides graduates with specialized skills needed to improve the quality of the maritime workforce. Additionally, CCC engages with regional high schools to increase awareness of the maritime industry, promote STEM curriculum development, and enrich the maritime education of the entire region.

Clatsop also has as a long history of diversity and inclusion training and support. The College's Strategic Plan includes a Commitment to Diversity and Equity, and their STEM and Career Technical Education (CTE) programs align with the National Alliance for Partnership in Equity (NAPE) and the Program Improvement Process for Equity (PIPE). Additionally, CCC collaborates with community partners, such as: Consejo Hispano; Juntos (K-12 student and family support for academic success); American Association for University Women (AAUW) - annual conference for women, including specific information for Spanish-speakers; and collaboration with the Lower Columbia Diversity Project for educational programs.

The Secretary of Transportation designates Clatsop Community College as a 2021 CoE in recognition of its quality training programs and strong commitment to maritime workforce development.