

Web design moves forward

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New opportunities to help get jobs in the growing field of web design are being offered at Clackamas.

"We are now in the statewide approval process. Information about the programs will be in next year's catalog, and students can actually start taking classes in the programs now," said Linda Anderson, computer science instructor.

Jobs available to students after getting these certificates range from: web designer, producer, graphic designer to webmaster, programmer or system specialist.

The Design Certificate requires only 47 credit hours to obtain. Classes to finish the certificate include: a few general education classes in the areas of communications and computation, a human relations course and some computer classes.

The Design and Development Specialist program requires 93 credit hours. This certificate will incorporate the fields of computer science and business. Students will also learn valuable art and English skills. At 12 credit hours a term a student could get a Web Design and Development Specialist Certificate in two years, with summers off.

"We would like to prepare our students more effectively for careers and have the program name more accurately reflect the student skills acquired," explained Dean, Baldwin van der Bijl.

No new classes are needed to offer the one year Design Certificate. To accommodate the need for new classes for the two year Design and Development degree, a deal has been made with other departments. However, the new art and business courses are also required for current programs, so the program hasn't caused a need for anything that wasn't already being developed.

College after Clackamas

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Clackamas has found a new way to make the transition from a community college to a four-year college a lot easier on students: by giving them the opportunity to go on campus tours.

On Tuesday Nov. 8 Jennifer Lininger and Miguel Cardenas of the Clackamas

Advising Department took 13 students to Portland State University, where they were shown around campus by University staff members.

"I believe that the tours help students get a realistic experience of the four-year college life," said Lininger.

Students also got a chance to meet with different departments from Portland State, which Lininger thought was a great opportunity for the students.

"Hopefully it helps them have a smoother transition to the four-year school by already knowing people in admissions, financial aid and advising, and where different offices are on campus," said Lininger.

In a written survey taken after the tour

all 13 students said the trip assisted in their decision about whether to attend Portland State. Several students said they had a great experience, and would recommend a friend to participate in one of the transfer tours.

On Feb. 2 and Feb. 15 there will be

Portland State Advisers on the Clackamas Community College campus to answer questions that students have. If you are interested in getting any information on the next campus tour, contact the Advising Department on the Clackamas campus.

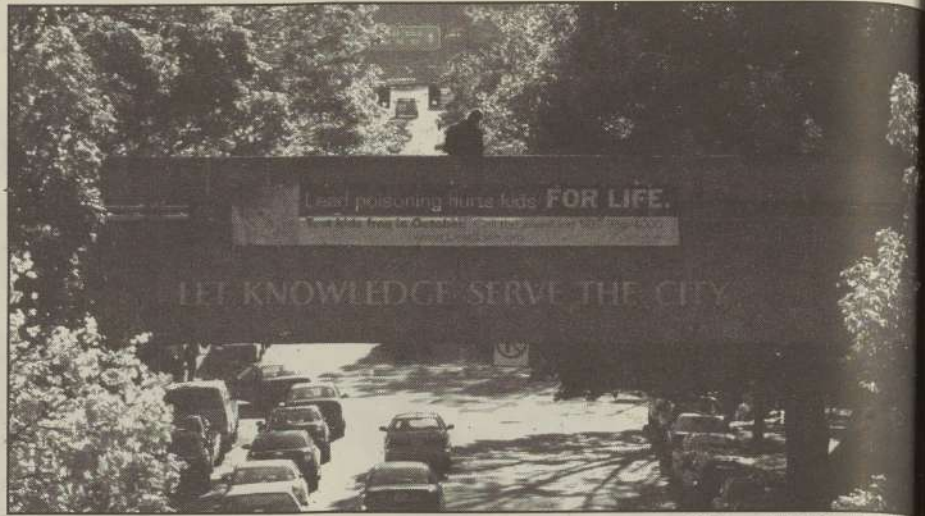


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A student pauses on the skybridge at PSU. Clackamas students are given many opportunities to explore potential schools to transfer to after finishing their community college work.

Oregon Transfer Module makes transition easier

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A new way to transfer credits will begin at Clackamas Community College in the summer of 2006.

The Oregon Transfer Module represents one academic year, or, in other terms, the first year of a bachelor's degree: 45 credit hours. It fulfills a set of general education requirements and these courses can be easily transferred to any college or university in Oregon.

"It's not a degree," said Nora Brodnicki, an art instructor and part of the faculty taskforce that introduced the OTM to Clackamas. "It's a piece of a degree - a fragment."

The OTM differs from the Associate of Arts Oregon transfer in that it is not a degree and stu-

dents do not have to have a focus of study.

It was created jointly by Oregon colleges and universities. Part of its purpose is to help students structure their first year of college so they will get the classes they need, won't waste any credits, and are assured a smooth transfer between schools.

According to Bill Zeulke, the college's chair of advising and counseling, starting coursework at Clackamas can often be daunting for new stu-

dents. They have many choices about courses; however, they have to modify these choices by what colleges and universities outside of Clackamas will accept.

"It's hard to know what classes will be valuable to take," Zeulke said. Often community colleges work as a transition ground where students can earn some credits and move on without completing any sort of certificate or degree.

"We have a lot of students who are four-year college bound," said Zeulke, "and they're not that interested in earn-

ing a two-year degree here. They pick up enough credits ... they leave with just a string of courses."

These courses may or may not transfer directly to other colleges. "Now [because of the OTM] students will end up with one documented complete year of work here," said Zeulke. This documentation will transfer anywhere in Oregon and could lead to a two-year four-year degree.

The target group for the OTM is primarily students who are not sure what their focus of study will be.

"We'll see how it works for our students," said Zeulke. "It's a pull sort of thing. The OTM may be too much. It doesn't fit everyone, but it does a lot for people looking for a few credits and automatic transfer, or who aren't certain about what they want to do."

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Art Instructor

Honor society gives social boost

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Phi Theta Kappa can help students get involved on campus and obtain valuable scholarships for college.

According to the PTK mission statement, the honor society for two-year colleges is recognized at Clackamas and across the globe.

Requirements to join the Society include a 3.5 GPA, completion of 12 transferable credits, enrollment of at least one credit hour and, after being accepted, maintaining a 3.25 GPA.

Students that join the Society are eligible for many PTK-specific scholarships at four-year colleges.

The following are universities in Oregon that offer these scholarships: Concordia University, Corban College, Lewis and Clark College, Linfield College, Pacific University, University of

Portland and Willamette University.

A complete list of nationwide universities can be found at <http://ptk.org/schol/schollisting.htm>.

"A while ago, a PTK student applied and got accepted to a school in Hawaii. Before the school year started, she asked the admissions office if they had any Phi Theta Kappa scholarships," explained Phi Theta Kappa Student President Jennifer Richards. "They did, and it hadn't been filled out yet. She filled it out and got a full-ride scholarship."

PTK members are active in many events throughout the year. During this year's "Soctoberfest," members were successful in collecting 609 pairs of socks for local homeless youth.

Currently, they are planning to raise money to replace the computer mice in the Clackamas library with optical mice.

Closer to the end of the

calendar year, PTK members focus on the gift of giving.

"We partner with the American Cancer Society and adopt a family with cancer and donate clothes and toys for Christmas," said Richards.

When summer approaches, members can volunteer for "Project Graduation: Feed a Body, Feed a Mind." Last year they gathered 990 pounds of food for the Oregon Food Bank.

Interested students who meet the requirements are welcome to turn in an application at any time.

Applications are located in the ASG office, in the Community Center.

Questions can also be answered by Mindy Brodnicki, department chair of Student Leadership at 503-657-6900 ext. 2250.

Richards and the rest of the CCC Phi Theta Kappa members are enthusiastic about recruiting new members: "Come join with us; come find us!"

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