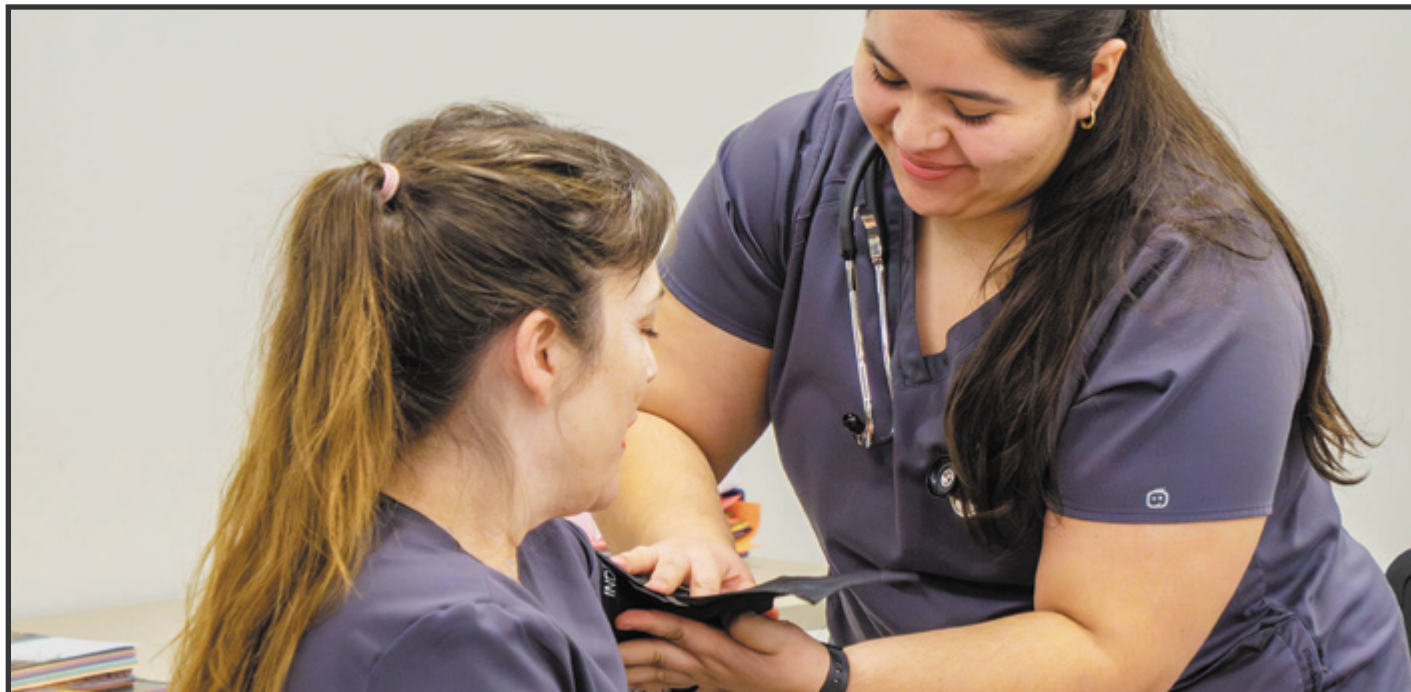


Local Students Can Now Earn A Doctorate in Nursing Through New UCC & OHSU Collaboration



Umpqua Community College (UCC) and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), members of the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE), have announced a new collaboration, establishing a direct-entry pathway to a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. The initiative focuses on preparing psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners (PMHNP) to help address urgent health care clinician shortages in rural Oregon.

Through this streamlined, more cost-effective pathway, students can begin their education at UCC and seamlessly transition to doctoral-level studies through OHSU. Coursework is completed online while clinical learning takes place locally, creating a pathway for licensed, independent practitioners educated to serve within Douglas County.

"This collaboration builds on the OCNE model, removes common barriers like relocation

and the associated costs, allowing students to stay local while earning advanced nursing degrees," said Danielle Haskett, chief academic officer for UCC. "By training future providers who are already rooted in the region, we're strengthening health care delivery and building a more sustainable workforce for our region."

Clinician shortages, geographic location and an aging population impact access to care, especially rural communities, and this new pathway aims to help address this challenge. Nurse practitioners, with their nursing and advanced clinical training, are licensed to provide essential primary care services for general medicine and psychiatric care, including diagnosis, treatment, preventive and continuous care treatment plans.

The program expands UCC's portfolio of health care education options and creates a pathway for students to receive hands-on training on UCC's campus using the latest

advanced training technologies. Students will complete the online baccalaureate in nursing and then be admitted to the PMHNP Distance Program, which is primarily online, with the flexibility to attend a few in-person lab components at an OHSU campus.

"We are excited to collaborate with UCC on this forward-thinking initiative," said OHSU Executive Vice President and Provost Marie Chisholm-Burns, Pharm.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FCCP, FASHP, FAST, FNAP, FACHE.

"This collaboration reflects OHSU's commitment to increasing access to high-quality, advanced nursing education across Oregon. By reaching students where they live and enabling them to complete meaningful clinical experiences in their home communities, we are helping grow a local, resilient health care workforce prepared to meet the diverse needs of rural populations."

Entertainment & Local Events

Vintage Street Fair in Historic Oakland, Or. – Live Music with The Sunny Sky Boys and More

**Saturday, August 23rd, 2025
10am - 5pm**

FREE entry, fun family event in Historic downtown Oakland, Or., sponsored by Oakland Economic Development! Spend the day shopping local shops, artisans, vintage and antique collectors, garden and home decor vendors and crafters. Enjoy a delicious beverage and meal at one of our local gems or our participating food trucks. Stick around for the live music and summer fun. The Sunny Sky Boys kick things off from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm with their Hillbilly Jazz, Rockabilly Western Swing and Citybilly Bluegrass. More info and the official flyer to come! Vendor application and agreement can be downloaded here: <https://www.oaklandor.com/oed-events/vintage-street-fair>

Sat AUG 30 – Sun Aug 31, 2025

Elkton Rendezvous / Fort Umpqua Days – Live Music by The Sunny Sky Boys in Elkton, Or.

All Day on Saturday and Sunday, the little town of Elkton will come alive with its annual Rendezvous and Fort Umpqua Days Celebration. Held at Elkton Community Education Center (15850 Hwy 38 W, Elkton, OR 97436), Fort Umpqua Days is small-town friendliness & community effort. The celebration features Fort Umpqua, with the continued progress on the buildings within the stockade, & historic-themed activities for visitors.

A 2-day bass tournament adds to the excitement. Several sponsors help fund the tournament prizes for biggest fish caught by one of the 3-person team in a boat. Elkton, situated on the main Umpqua River, is known as the "bass capital."

The "Echoes of the Umpqua" pageant is a popular drama with 100 community members who write, compose music, perform, & direct this popular production.

A Saturday night dance & BBQ attract a crowd. The Muzzle Loaders will be in attendance. Local musical talent keeps the ambiance rhythmic. The famous pie auction brings in a good sum for community projects. In 2008, the men of the community decided to try their hand at pie baking to add to the fun & flavor. Food booths, vendors and local crafters offer wares for sale. The SCHEDULE includes:

Saturday AUG 30

6:00 Bass Tournament Launch Off

10:00 Parade

10:30 – 12:30 Roseburg-based Mandolin & Guitar duo The Sunny Sky Boys play Hillbilly Jazz, Rockabilly Swing & Citybilly Bluegrass Music

1:00 Pie Auction

2 - 4 Music

4:00 Bass Tournament Weigh in

5:00 Pageant - "Echoes of the Umpqua" a history pageant with drama, old-time, folk, bluegrass music

6:30 Tomaselli's Chuck Wagon Dinner

7:30 Music & Dancing

Sunday AUG 31

6:00 Bass Tournament

10:00 Visit Fort Umpqua & Heritage Orchard

12 - 4 Music & Entertainment

4:00 Bass Tournament

5:00 Pageant "Echoes of the Umpqua" with drama, old-time, folk and bluegrass music

The ECEC office is open year round M-F 9-4 pm. More info at: <https://elktonbutterflies.com/>
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circle experience - also focused on fun. Ticket holders this year will have access to Workshops conducted by some of the name performers on a variety of topics and instrument tips and techniques.

At two stages - ECEC Amphitheater and Ft Umpqua Main Stage will be performances

by: Never Come Down, Stillhouse Junkies, Under the Rocks, Fog Holler, Lost Creek, Tuesday String Band, Linda Leavitt Band, The Muddy Souls, Coos River Ruckus, (Moon Mountain String Band, Banjo Rose and Washboard Doug are in the Petting Zoo - they may just break out of the 'corral' and do some songs, too!!)

Many food and other vendors will be in the Ft Umpqua Main Stage area, with Cascade Bluegrass Association, Oregon Bluegrass Association and Nechville Banjos tables. There will be a Sunday morning Gospel Hour - at the ECEC Amphitheater which will be FREE. The Elkton Lions Club will have Swedish Pancake Breakfast available from 7-11 Sunday morning, as well.

ALSO NEW this year is the introduction of ECEC's "Adopt A Butterfly Club" near the Butterfly Pavilion and Petting Zoo.

This event is possible with the support of generous Donors and the following Sponsors:

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ECEC and Bluegrass and Butterflies asks everyone to drive safely and reduce the workload of all our First Responders and Law Enforcement. Have a wonderful experience at ECEC - Ft. Umpqua at The Bluegrass and Butterflies festival. "Music Is Medicine" Tickets and dry camping



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