



## *Rural Teacher Education Pathway Project*

What is the Rural Teacher Education Pathway Project?

The Lincoln County School District, Oregon Coast Community College, and Western Oregon University have partnered together to provide a pathway for local students to become teachers.

Who is eligible and what is the process?

1. Current students or recent (within the last four years) graduates of a Lincoln County School District High School (Taft, Newport, Toledo, Waldport).
2. Apply for the program through Lincoln County School District (process information below)
  - Preference given to bilingual, bicultural, and/or students who participate in Early Childhood Programs within their high school coursework.
  - [Rural Teacher Pathway Application Link](#)
3. Interview with Lincoln County School District Human Resources Director.
4. Set up and meet with Ben Kaufmann, Navigate Program Manager, at Oregon Coast Community College (process information below).

### Year 1

- Complete education pathway courses through OCCC
- Hired through LCSD for a 3.5 hour/daily position to work with three different licensed teachers in LCSD throughout the school year.

### Year 2

- Complete education pathway courses through OCCC
- Hired through LCSD for a 3.5 hour/daily position to work with three (additional) different licensed teachers in LCSD throughout the school year.

### Year 3

- Attend Western Oregon University—in Monmouth

### Year 4

- Attend Western Oregon University—hybrid model (some on campus, some online)
- Student teach in LCSD

### Year 5

- Apply and interview for licensed teaching positions in LCSD.

## *LCSD Requirements:*

1. Be a current enrolled senior or graduated (within the last four years) from a Lincoln County School District High School (Newport, Taft, Toledo or Waldport).
2. Have a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA or qualify for Oregon Promise.
3. Submit a copy of your official transcript.
4. Submit two letters of recommendations from teachers.
5. Submit a one-page essay describing why you want to be a teacher.
6. Preference may be provided to students who are on track to meet four-year university eligibility requirements or enrolled in education-related classes (i.e. CTE) or college-articulated classes (dual-credit).
7. Students who are bilingual or of varied ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

For consideration, apply online at: [Rural Teacher Pathway Application Link](#)

## *OCCC Requirements:*

1. Apply to OCCC at <http://www.oregoncoastcc.org/getting-started/>
2. **For the K12 Teacher Pathway:** Make an appointment with Ben Kaufmann, OCCC Navigate Program Manager, [ben.kaufmann@oregoncoastcc.org](mailto:ben.kaufmann@oregoncoastcc.org), or Student Services at (541) 867-8501
3. **For the Early Childhood Pathway:** Make an appointment with an OCCC advisor at [OCCC Advising Appointment Link](#)
4. Bring high school and/or college transcripts if possible
5. Learn about scholarship information and transferring to WOU!

For more information on the OCCC Early Childhood Pathway please visit:  
[OCCC Early Childhood Pathway Link](#)

Still have questions?

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