

Central Oregon Student Survey April 2000

Narrative Responses to Open-Ended Questions

Note: *These answers have been recorded verbatim. They have been corrected for spelling, but not for grammar. In the interest of space, responses such as "I don't know," "none," "no answer," "I have no idea," "nothing," "I can't think of any" and "no comment" have been pulled from the narrative.*

PRIMARY

Which of the following answers do you think best summarizes your primary reason for enrolling?

Other-Specify:

Because I am attending a 4-year university but I'm from Bend and over the summer I wanted to pick up extra credits.

Because I could use some classes from Japan towards it.

Because I needed the degree to make more money.

Because it transferred easily to state colleges (p) um...I just took it because it was basically the first two years of college, it was cheaper and a good program.

Because the degree was transferable to a lot of other universities

Because the Eastern OR University wanted me to take.

Career change

Change of career, off the road from long-haul truck driver

Cheapest place for me to go right now (Mom works there; tuition is free)

Cost

Financial reasons

I basically wanted to further my education in my field

I came to Central Oregon because I got a scholarship (p) it was an athletic scholarship.

I had to have it to graduate. (p) The Calligraphy class. I didn't have to have Calligraphy, I had to have art, and that's what was available.

I just like to learn.

I just took it for an art class, I was still in high school

I needed a class for my California move to Oregon and that was the first place it was offered, I had a job and had to get the class

I only took the classes to fulfill requirements

I want to get my psychology degree, in order to do that I'm getting my undergraduate studies done here

I wanted to go to college and I was place-bound

I wanted to transfer the credits to the Oregon State.

I was asked by the instructor to join the big band, my opportunity to play

I was broke and they gave me the best financial aid

I would just like to get a better job in this area. As far as the reputation of the program goes, well I'll be the first to graduate from it.

It was a workman's comp retraining program

It was my only option

It was pre-requisite for something I needed

It was where the class offered and the Forest Service sent me to.

Job reasons

Mostly because it was here and it was affordable and since I really don't have a goal at this time I might as well go here instead of an expensive university; [by goal do you mean a major] yeah, I need to take care of all the basics

Oh, an affordable way to get two years done of my four year degree, and to get technological education in Forestry which isn't available in the four year University.

Pre-requisites for a masters program at another college

Re - certification

Scholarship, an honor scholarship to COCC

Self-improvement

The dorm, I didn't live in Bend before I came here.

The opportunity

To get courses to apply to her BS at OSU

To get my basics out of the way and give me more to decide which Univ. would be best for me.

To update my skills and to enhance what I was already doing locally

Well I enrolled in general classes and just kinda got into that, so....

LEAVE

Did you leave the program because you graduated, transferred to another program, were Dissatisfied, or for some other reason?

Other-Specify:

Because the class was over. I need the class to graduate.

Because they told me something wrong here about my financial aid and now I am messed up.

Currently enrolled

Did not finish, have one more class

Family problems lowered my grades so I could not go there at this time, it works out however because I will be able to go to distant learning through Oregon State University.

Finances

Financial

Finished; wasn't a full degree program; I just went for a course in gold

Haven't left the program either that or I was never a part the general ed program

I already have two bachelors and a masters and I was just taking classes to keep my brain working

I am actually taking a semester off

I am still working towards the nursing program but acceptance is based on a number, they only take 30 people a year and it only happens once a year, so I am waiting to apply

I changed majors, (p) to Business.

I completed my coursework (p) for my license.

I got all the classes I needed for my degree

I got married and started a family.

I had to start working

I have not left and will apply to enroll. Three people manning the nursing program have left so there are many changes and everyone is confused about what is going on. Do I not or Do I need Chemistry, for instance.

I haven't enrolled in the elementary education program yet but am working toward enrolling in that specific courses.

I haven't gotten into the nursing program

I just took one course and when it finished I left

I just wanted to hold off on it. I want to explore my options

I left because I was finished

I missed graduating by one course, so I got an incomplete, (p) life prevented me from continuing, I had cancer surgery that same year and I got away from doing it

I never left the program

I ran out of money

I was just taking courses, if I see a course I like I just take it. (p) I didn't feel like that.

I went to work full time

I worked graveyard and it was hard to make a schedule to work

I'm going to be moving

I'm still actually going but I'm just in an apprenticeship class

I'm taking term off school.

It was just different classes offered through work

It was just one class.

It was two or three time interest class, then I went back to HS.

Just because I've taken most of the classes I was interested in, though there always classes that come up

Just life

Just to get my bachelors and they don't offer it

Marriage (p) separation (p) and financial reasons, can't continue going to school when financial responsibilities are placed upon you so I dropped college to get full-time work, luckily in manufacturing

Moved away from the area then I moved back and I want to stay and be an RN.

Moving

Needed to take courses during work hours, so I had to take the term off.

Re-certified

Really, just ah, I was just getting extra credits in my degree

Required course for my degree--social behavioral sciences through Linfield

Scheduling

Still enrolled

Taking a term off

The class finished

The class just ended

The classes just ended and I left

To take a break

Too many hours of work

Took the classes I needed to take

Um I needed to go back to work, actually.

We did the class, that's all I needed.

Well I guess I went to another school I graduated from high school
Well the class was just done. (p) Guitar class, or music fundamentals.
Went back to school
Work
Working during school hours

SUCC

What was the best part about getting your degree through Central Oregon Community College?

Able to participate in athletics
Ah...teachers are really good, the one-on-one, just being able to work closely with the teachers.
Because it was basically my hometown
Because it was in Central Oregon ,and small class sizes
Being able to get a job.
Being able to stay in Central Oregon
Close to home and cheap
Convenience (p) easy proximity, easy to take care of what I needed to do
Convenience, no need to relocate, and I will be attending again in the fall to get a Bachelor of Arts degree from the U of O
Convenience. um.. the schedule worked out well for work, easy campus tp get to, move around on for classes, the quality of teachers had real world experience and that were there to help you learn.
Cost and location
How accessible the instructors are when you have a problem, they seem to genuinely care.
I believe that the high quality of teachers and price
I didn't get a degree, because you guys don't have a distance program for that. Because the classes that I needed and the degree that I wanted I would have had to go to bend for that and I have a family. so I got my associates in arts through Chemeketa in Salem over the Internet, an individualized program.
I didn't have to go anywhere
I enjoyed the school. The instructors were excellent. I just really enjoyed the school.
I got more money
I guess the availability of the classes that I needed and the cooperation of the teachers
I guess the fact that I could do it part time helped, because there was no way I could have done it full time
I really enjoyed my instructors
I really liked the teachers there, I felt that they were very good
I was able to get my instructor, who was John Shafer at the time, was able to get me a job fairly quickly and he got me a job which I still have
I was able to obtain it in less than 2 years
I'm the first person in my family to get a degree, there's a lot of good parts to it
It enabled me to be able to transfer to a bachelors somewhere else, and because it was local.
It offered opportunities and a job
It was a sense of satisfaction for completing something
It was a step in completing greater degrees
It was close to home
It was close to home (laughter).
It was here, it was in central Oregon
It was in Central Oregon
It was local
It was pretty easy to transfer it (p) my AA to a four year college.
It was the first thing I completed in a long time and I liked the teacher a lot.
It was um real accessible and the Professors were real kind, made it kind of you know fun to go up there. (p) That it was real accessible.
Just getting my bachelors degree
Just having it
Just the access, being able to do it here in central Oregon
Just the fact that it is close by
Location, convenient, I could get hired anywhere with the degree I got there
Moved to Eugene to get degree after associates degree
Officially I didn't get a degree
Probably because it is here at home
Probably because it was a short time in getting my certificate
Probably that the degree is not offered in very many places
Proximity to home
Proximity. and its small college and I got alot of one on one help when I needed it.
Quality
Quality of education
Scholarships

Teachers helpful and close to home
 That I could take a lot of evening classes, I could choose the courses to fit into my schedule
 That I was able to stay in Bend
 That it was local
 That it was local
 The best part probably, that I could complete the program locally and not have to leave my family
 The best part was specifically speaking it was the personal satisfaction in having completed a college education.
 The classes are small
 The convenience and the cost
 The convenience of closeness
 The fact I didn't have to leave Bend.
 The fact that I live in bend
 The fact that it was cheap and it was convenient, saved 2 years having to go to a university
 The local sheriff's department in Deschutes county paid for it
 The personal satisfaction.
 The program itself I thought was a really excellent program I teach some handicapped kids and it taught me a lot of techniques to use with medically fragile kids
 The quality of professors, their education
 The quality of the instruction. With exception of one class, I was very impressed w/ the classes and the instruction.
 The small sizes of the classes and accessibility of instructors and high standards in program and instructors.
 The teacher quality, all of my teachers were extremely professional
 They were cheaper
 Uh, I got a good degree and I didn't have to leave my home
 Um it was a stepping stone to another degree program at the college.
 Um the um smaller classes, excellent instructors. (p) probably the instruction.
 Um, I don't know, I think I can special experiences that I can't have in Japan
 Um, I guess just the location, handy that have it close
 Um, that I was able to do it close to home and cheaper than to go to University further away.
 Um, varieties of classes
 Um. Small classes, I would say.
 Um...class size (p) smaller class sizes, comfortable surroundings, and convenience for me. (p) the class size and the teacher-student interaction.
 Well I don't know , because it was in the area.
 Well it was, I can't think of anything other than I wanted to get my degree, to get a job.
 Well the best part was that I was able to do everything right here in central Oregon and I was immediately employed
 Well, I can continue to work at this school and get my degree too.
 Well, just being able to transfer to another school
 What was the best part? Oh my gosh that is a tough question. I'd say the small class sizes, the student to teacher ratio.

WORST

What was the worst part about getting your degree through Central Oregon Community College?

A lot of the classes I took I can't transfer to a university
 Ah, I don't know, nothing maybe up grade some desks, too small
 At times there were problems with the technologies- the two way active TV
 Attitude of the office help and difficulty finding a counselor.
 Driving an hour each way especially in the winter
 Finals week
 Having to drive an hour (laughter).
 Having to go to school every day
 Having to go to school I guess, I guess the time spent, there was no worst part about it
 Having to leave
 Hm, standing in Administrative line, registering and financial aid, it was quite a process.
 I can't get my B.S.N. there
 I don't like the layout of the campus, it's very inconvenient (p) there was never any parking availability, now there's more, the prices of the tickets for parking were outrageous, I didn't like the fact that the Juniper Hall residents could park wherever they wanted, but people that weren't residents could not park in their area without receiving a ticket, that's about it.
 I kept getting sick and had to start over.
 Inability to continue
 It is not transferable
 It took me well over 2 years to do it, because I'm a working individual too, so I had to juggle school and work, that was the worst part
 It was only 2 years, a 2 year degree
 It wasn't the best program in the world

It's only associate degree, I would want to have more training if I could
 Just having to drive from Prineville
 Maybe the fact that some of classes aren't transferable to a higher level degree
 Needed improvement on? It seemed there were low numbers in my program.
 No job placement
 Not being able to get a four year degree at the time
 Not enough choices for degrees
 Not having more classes available when I needed to take them.
 Oh gosh I can't think of anything that was the worst part, it was an excellent experience.
 Originally it took me 8 years, originally it was the lack of a library facility but now that's been taken care of
 Probably class scheduling .(P)...well poor availability of some classes and timing.
 Probably just the going to school, the monotony of working at the same time.
 Probably the art curriculum wasn't as nice as I would like to have seen it
 Probably the campus itself, all the hills, I fell down
 Probably the location in the winter time
 That it took me four years.
 That ones tough, the worst part, I have to say the size of the school, slow processing of financial aide
 The advisors are only part time
 The biggest deal in my job is patient satisfaction. my satisfaction with because ed center was not good because every
 time when in there to get anything it was a huge huge hassle. One lady in reception was very rude to me, very
 informative to me. every time I go in there it has not been good. their public relations needs improvement. it has to
 do with false information from a person who has control over your transcript.
 The campus is very hard if your handicapped. Every term I had to make special arrangements and move the class
 around to accommodate me which made my uncomfortable
 The commute
 The cost
 The fact that I had to go, I really don't have a worst part
 The lack of availability of some classes, sometimes I wish we could have had them more frequently
 The limited class selection
 The scheduling of the classes
 The seclusive-ness at the time of Bend
 The stairs
 The worst part is that I have a degree and I need my master's within 6 years or I lose my job but it isn't offered here
 There wasn't very many bad things about it. I had to get up early in the morning.
 They are not as current on medical trends as they could be.
 Too many classes required and my advisor took a long time to help
 Um I think that there was a subjectivity of many instructors about the spirituality of education. I think that the basic
 premise was that there is no god so the spirituality was not up for discussion,
 Um there wasn't any worst part, the only thing that was lacking in the program was counselors that are knowledgeable
 about what classes to take, when to take them to graduate in the two-year frame period.
 Um, campus location
 Um, figuring out financial aid.
 Um, probably lack of a usefulness afterwards--just that the courses that I studied really are not applicable today.
 Um, probably that some of the classes were just reserved for certain majors, I guess, it was hard to get into EMT
 classes because it was just designated for, you'd get taken off the list because, certain majors had priority
 Um, probably the changes that occurred, major changes, in the time we were enrolled. There were a lot of faculty, old
 faculty retiring, and new faculty coming aboard and the changes that occurred.
 Um, well, I was denied all financial aid, so that is what was hard for me. I had to work and go to school part time. it
 just made it tough
 Um. Um. Maybe. Um It was not such a big variety of classes you could take.
 Um.. the English, its hard. it took a long time.
 Um...I grew up there so I guess the lack of experimentation (p) not going somewhere different, just staying where I'm
 at.
 Um...I guess just the stress of working and going to school too. (P) that's all
 Um...sometimes the classes were not schedule in the way that I could get out in 2 yrs. but that's fine. They did the best
 they could.
 Um...well logistically speaking the lack of parking on campus.
 Well I had to commute (p) it was about an hour drive.
 Well I wasn't entirely happy with the program, I think it needs to be revamped and I think the head of the department
 needs to be changed

DIS1

Why were you dissatisfied?

Availability time for classes and I was mis-advised for a year so I lost a year financially and time (P) some classes are only offered in the evening regardless, normally they'll rotate and be in the morning next year and I found one that was not and I cannot take evening classes and it really hurt my schooling

Because I have had no help financially and because I think the massage therapy program is very unorganized and expensive

Because of communication over financial aid.

Because of the way the associate's program for manufacturing was developed. If the person wanted to be a machinist they still had to take welding classes, so it was a waste of a lot of time and money, I continued the program and went through it, and at the last class told me the certificate for welding was optional! And the welding instructor dropped out of the class, so there was no instructor for robotics or welding, so they had to totally reformat the program which meant changing day classes to night, and I was working at night

Because the core engineering classic, the statics dynamics & strengths series was horrible, I've never had such a bad teacher and those are important classes. and I actually took the statics and the dynamics classes but I dropped the strengths class because I couldn't take anymore.

Because they're not very clear about how to get into the program. I always found out at the last minute there were shots required, always found out at the last minute there were prerequisite tests, there was poor counseling on the classes needed to complete the degree.

Because we had the instructor of record quit two days before the class, this is the second year of the program, the paramedic portion, and it's very important and the quality of the instruction is very poor, we've had 9 different instructors of record and no communication between them

Central OR. Uni. Center does not offer enough classes per term to finish in a timely manner.

I feel that the program could give people a better foundation and that some courses could have been taught better

I just think that there needs to be more programs and more classes there, they get into the rotational thing, that sometimes a class is offered every two years. So if you miss the class you have to get on a waiting list of maybe 60 people

I just told you, I couldn't do what I wanted to with them. COCC is an excellent college and I'm satisfied with what they are doing there, its just not set up for what I want to do.

I was dissatisfied with the way the classes were scheduled, and that's the #1 reason.

I'm dissatisfied because they don't have a psychology program, I'm limited, and I'm not happy with some of the administration there

Oh I don't know, (p) I mean it's really actually hard to get into (p) Well the nursing program they only accept thirty people, to my understanding, so it's hard to get into, I'm not in the program yet so I'm dissatisfied.

The only thing I am dissatisfied about is the fact that they don't accept enough people. I think they should accept a larger number of people.

The program is not up to speed with the universities

Um, not too much, many, classes to chose from in computer science

Um, teachers were, they just didn't work with students. They were really strict, and they didn't care about the welfare of the students. That doesn't go for all of them, just a few of the teachers that I had.

Um, they're losing their community college atmosphere. they are so intent on making it a 4 year college that they are not meeting the needs of the community as a whole.

Unable to get clear answers and they don't let enough people in. It is extremely competitive. They should simplify the qualifications. they are not taking care of programs already existing yet they are expanding other depts.

When I went in with my credits and talked to Elisha Vick who does the selection process, I was told that with a 3.5 average I "would not get in the program on grades, period". that's her words exactly (p) she said you may get in under random selection, because they do 15 as year on grades and 15 on random selection. (p) basically, with that program in particular, lack of information, lack of support, they have one person choosing who gets in the program and people are killing themselves trying to get in the program, it's not fair

With the paramedic program the teacher quit two days before and they are scrambling to get a teacher and everything is not up to where it should be. (p) We pay a lot for the program and we don't seem to get our money's worth. Our labs are not fulfilling and we don't get what we paid for.

WANTPRG

What program would you like to study?

A master's degree in English, American lit and education

Acupuncture school

Animal Science (p) Bachelor of Science

Arts. I am more interested in studying somewhere else.

At that time, literature, writing and literature

At the time when I went through Central Oregon I was looking for an Elementary Credential but now I'm going to be looking for a Masters program.

Bachelor of science, more variety of classes to choose from

Chemistry

Communications. (p) Basically they're getting ready to offer a program in Communications, (p) but it's in the interim process right now. (p) I changed my major from Psychology to Communications, all the offer right now is a minor degree in Communications.

Comparative religion

Computer science

Computer science

Counseling

Criminology

Educational admin.

Elementary education

English literature on a graduate level

Financial management

Foreign language

Geography

Graduate level education classes

Human resource management

I don't know, what I really wanted to study was classes of non-profit certification of Executive Directors

I just wanted to do an Education Degree (p) Early Elementary (p) Bachelor of Science with a Teaching Certificate.

I wanted Business Education (p) Masters

I wanted to get a bachelor's in addiction counseling

I wanted to study psychology, but they didn't offer so I had to take liberal arts

I was looking for more of a Master's program in psychology and at the time it wasn't being offered

I was very surprised COCC would allow PSU to offer Graduate study whose primary modum was videotape. I would not pay 2000 dollars a quarter to earn my degree through videotape.

I was wanting to study Veterinarian Technician.

I would like to get a teaching certificate but can't complete it all there.

I would like to have the social behavior sciences courses here, political too and Non Governmental Organizations

I would like to see something in Education as a bachelor's degree

I'd like to get my master's in Education, now they don't offer it at all. (p) the University Center dropped their program (p) they dropped their Master's program, and that's for practicing teachers, you can get your Master's of Education if you don't teach.

I'd rather get a business degree. I want to get my 4 year degree in Business rather than Liberal Arts

International Agriculture Development

It was just something I needed to take to finish my master's program

Library Science

Life - Indian life

Linguistics

Literature

Manufacturing engineering

marine biology

Masters in counseling

Masters in counseling or social work

Masters in human performance or human nutrition

Masters in information systems

Masters in nursing and nurse practitioner

Math or health education

More in music

More writing type of stuff

Much more emphasis on information systems or information technology

My initial enrollment was for Education, (p) they discontinued the Business Teacher Education Program (p) at the time but now it's changed (p) Oh I'm currently in Philosophy, Economics and Political Science at Eastern.

Nursing

Oh gosh, I don't know, but we wouldn't have chosen liberal studies

Physics and mechanical engineering

Psychology

Psychology

Psychology, or english

Public Health program that OSU offers.

Right now I don't really care to add any more to what I've done. I guess ongoing education credits that you could use for renewing my teaching certificate, I've had to go up to Portland to take workshops because they don't have anything here that would apply to it.

Right now, I don't have anything in mind; I'm actually enrolled at OSU, a master's in adult education

Sign Language and Interpreter's License

Social and behavior science

Social work or counseling
Sociology or criminal justice
Some computer stuff
Special education
Special education
Sports medicine
Teaching, but took liberal arts
Um Education in a different field than the degrees that they offer (p) I wanted health and they only offer secondary and elementary education, English discourse studies degree.
Um well I'm at OSU doing it now, I mean finishing up, more business and education, but you guys have got the Masters Degree in Education at OSU now, (p) I would have needed it last year instead of this year, you didn't offer it last year.
Um, either physical therapy or naturopath
Um.. more of a business administrative w/o having to take a minor
Um...what I wanted to do, is teach Health at the High School level. The literature that I received led me to believe that I would be able to get my degree and be able to do what I wanted to do, (p) I thought I would be able to get the degree in Health Options and then go into my fifth year and be able to teach but the Health Options would just qualify me to work in a health center.
well I was interested in Literature, not writing, but they incorporated it, so I got the best of both.
Well, I wanted to get a school of psychology certificate here, in the Masters program, I had to travel Lewis & Clark in Portland to get that
Well, the one that that they never do, because I want to study prosthetics, it wouldn't happen. It's too specialized.
Wildlife biology
You are using the term program and I am just taking courses that I like and for life long learning and professional development. A program implies that I'm moving towards or gain a degree or certificate.

WANTPRIM

Would you primarily want to study this subject because of ...or is it something else?

Other-Specify:

Because primarily I like to study what I like to study. They tend to be geared to people who need specific skills and I'm not one of those.
I am currently a Director of a non-profit and I'd like to be certified and I think it would give me useful tools for the job that I am doing already.
It was my bachelor program when I was at Oregon State University and I was hoping to finish it when I came back to Oregon. (p) I was an undergraduate student at OSU, I stopped and got married and was working, and heard the ads about finishing through COUC satellite program so I went back there.
Nirvana
To enhance the career I have; it's a valuable tool in special ed.
To give me a career and let me stay in the area as well as accomplish my career goal
Uh working in Europe (p) it would allow opportunities for advancement in employment in Europe.

PRIMARY2

Which of the following answers do you think best summarizes your primary reason for Enrolling?

Other-Specify:

All of them
Because I live on the coast and it is the only school that offered a distance program
Because I was already working towards a degree and that would help me finish it (p) they offered the classes that I needed to finish, and although it was Animal Sciences they were able to transfer me over to General Agriculture without too much trouble.
Because it can be done at a distance so I can also work and have a family.
Because it was convenient, (p) because I was working at the time (p) and it allowed me to study at my own pace.
Because out of the ones they offered, it was the one that made sense.
I needed to get more accounting classes to take the CPA exam
In order to renew my certification I had to enroll
It was the lesser of all evils.
It was the only place the class was offered at all, I needed that particular class at that particular time.
Meeting requirements for my standard teaching license
That was field of interest, but taking in La Grande did not work because I had to do Student teaching was in Redmond

LEAVE2

Did you leave the program because you graduated, transferred to another program, were Dissatisfied, or for some other reason?

Other-Specify:

Basically because it was the only course offered there

Because I was extremely anxious to get to work, I wanted to work and not go to school

Because the price was different than was published

Bought a business

Currently enrolled

Currently enrolled, working at getting the pre-requisites to enroll in the program

Fulfilled the requirements for my standard teaching license

I didn't have the time nor money I guess

I got a job

I had a baby. I wanted to stay home with him.

I had been teaching at McLaren in Woodburn and when they made the transition to central Oregon I decided to shift careers, I've been teaching since 1968 so all I was doing was keeping current

I had completed my certification

I had to go back to work

I haven't left the program (p) I'm just not currently enrolled.

I haven't left the program; if I don't go back this summer it will because they don't offer what I want.

I just never finished the program

I just took a break, I've sent in my enrollment for summer

I just took it out of interest and returned to work

I just took the one class for credit, I wasn't like you know in the program.

I transferred because I was dissatisfied

I was working full time

I wasn't graduating from anything, it was the only class I needed to complete my certificate.

It was too far away, I had to go to Portland to get it, one night a week, it was too much

Just because I went back to McMinnville, that's where Linfield is

Just taking a term off school

Moved

Once the classes were done I left

Ran out of classes for me to take at the level I needed to take

Same thing, too many things going on at home.

Still in the program

Taking time off

They aren't offering anything else

They discontinued the program.

They um financial aid wouldn't cover my course load.

Too many demands at home.

Unsatisfactory counseling in the program requirements; at that time they had nobody on site in Bend; no representative from Eastern on campus

Was certified, finished it

Well, because it is just an individual class in summer.

Work

Work

SUCC2

What was the best part about getting your degree through the Central Oregon University Center?

Because it was here, in Central Oregon.

Being able to do it close to home, here and not have to go on campus somewhere else

Being able to get the degree I wanted close to home

Being able to live here in Central Oregon

Being able to stay home

Being able to stay in bend with my family

Being able to stay in Central Oregon

Being able to stay in Central Oregon and receive a BA.

Camaraderie of the other students

Close to home

Close to home

Close to home

Close to home

Closeness to home

Convenience - being able to get a certificate to teach and being able to do that locally, I used to have to go to Portland

Convenience I guess
 Convenience, proximity
 Convenience--I could do work out of my home and stay in my community.
 Convenient to home and work
 Didn't have to leave Central Oregon
 Doing it quickly
 I completed a life long dream
 I could do what I want now (p) Teaching.
 I didn't have to go anywhere
 I didn't have to move
 I didn't learn any, because I was enrolled in a degree program in Portland and this was an extra course for my program [there], it was an option
 I got my degree (p) Now I got a job!
 I got to do it at home
 I guess it was the proximity, because I could stay at home and because I could get experience in the classroom and that would help me get a job here.
 I guess would be the fact that I could do it quickly
 I like the classes it was nice getting to know the teachers
 I suppose I could get it here and I didn't do too much traffic.
 I think it was the match of the type of teaching strategies that Lewis and Clark offers. (p) uh, it matched my learning style and I thought it prepared me for my job better, challenged me in a way that I wanted to be challenged.
 I think the best part was that it was available without leaving Central Oregon
 I was able to stay at home (p) Well I am married, we have a ranch, I've had a career, I've done the campus thing, (p) I had a ten year career in research and wanted to teach (p) I didn't have to physically move to go to campus.
 I was able to work at the same time I was attending classes.
 It really did not have to do with the center, but they accepted all credits transferred.
 It was close to home.
 It was local
 It was, I just came out of high school, it was an inclusive environment which was good
 Lewis and Clark was an excellent program and having it offered here was wonderful
 Local
 Location
 Location
 Not having to travel
 Obtaining a job
 Probably accessibility
 Probably convenience, I could do it here in Central Oregon
 Probably just the fact it was in Bend.
 Proximity.
 Staying in central Oregon and meeting new people
 That I could do it in Bend
 That I could do it while I was working, because I took classes at night, and I could carry on my regular way of life
 That I could stay here
 That I could stay here in Bend and finish
 That I got to be in Central Oregon
 That it was close to home ..cheaper
 That it was in Bend/close to home
 The best part, it was a short, condensed class. So the time frame.
 The convenience
 The convenience to home.
 The distance degree program
 The ease, convenience
 The fact that I could go part-time after work and the teachers were very good.
 The fact that I could live in Bend and still go to school.
 The fact that I only had to go to Linfield twice
 The fact that it was close to home and offered weekends
 The proximity (p) to my home.
 The quality of the program and it was near home
 Um the best part, um...well that I could do it in Central Oregon and stay in my home town and study.
 Um, lets see here. I guess it allowed me to be there w/ my husband and it was convenient for both of us.
 Um...being able to do it while working and raising a family.
 Well its convenient and helpful to me professionally
 Well my certificate, I guess, well, to stay in the job I was being hired for.
 Well the availability of the campus to my home, being able to talk to the professors personally

WORST2

What was the worst part about getting your degree through the Central Oregon University Center?

A lot of it was distance learning (p) little support system your all on your own pretty much, Correspondence courses are really hard

Because I kept getting sick and had to start over

Because of the isolation you don't get to talk to your professor and classes that last until 10 o'clock at night

Computer class on CD Roms.

Courses cancelled due tech difficulties

EdNet -- video conferencing, televised classes.

Gosh I can't think of anything, it was a wonderful experience, too bad Lewis and Clark is withdrawing the program from Central Oregon.

Having to travel to La Grande for some of the work

Hmm, it was the, there wasn't enough space for the students in the classroom... it was just too crowded

I didn't really get to pick my classes, I had to take what was offered

I don't know, having to study all weekend every night

I guess it was probably the price and the location of schools for Central Oregonians.

I ought to put this very carefully, um, I felt like a few of the courses were watered down, for example, my federal tax class was through Ed Net and I didn't feel we had enough instructor contact. For the most part I was so thankful to get my degree, but for something like Accounting, that was an important class.

I wasn't able to get to my teachers to clarify things

It was fine

It wasn't the degree I would have normally gotten

Lack of availability of certain classes, in this case I even had to go for some classes in McMinnville

Lack of choices

Lack of communication, having to retake classes, there are numerous amount of problems with the program

Lack of instructors on site

Lack of options classes and degrees

Limited class selection

Limited classes

Not always having the courses available that I needed when I needed to take them.

Not as many classes available as I would have liked

Not being able to attend job fairs

Not being able to reach my teachers when I had a question immediately

Not being to get a class when I needed it.

Not geared toward practicing nurses ...not flexible

Poor quality of education--terrible professors, terrible curriculum

Probably access to research materials and textbooks

Probably EdNet

Probably the Ed Net process, I didn't like that (p) It's just hard to communicate over Ed Net.

Probably, it has nothing to do with the university center, its just that the professors at Eastern were not very fast at getting back to us

Program had faults and the distance learning

Quality of instruction was poor in comparison to COCC.

Some of the teachers were real jerks and you had to take more than one class with them

Teleconferencing

The absolute worst part was a computer course it was because of the instructor.

The amount of travel that was required in some cases

The cost

The Distance Education Classes, we did teleconferencing courses and they weren't very good. (p) The on-sight professors were excellent while the um the Eastern Oregon based Professors were sub-par or below average, in my experience in taking higher education courses. The professionalism from the Eastern Oregon Professors was like taking courses from Tumbleweed U.

The ed-net system

The expense, it was \$8000 for one year

The lack of direct contact with Professors.

The limit of classes offered, what they offered you had to take you didn't really have any choice in what you studied

The limited selection of classes.

The one course taught by an actual COCC professor

The televised classes

The worst part was the time and distance away from my family (p) when I went to Bend I had to stay there for four days.

The year I went through we had to go to eastern for summer school

There wasn't anything bad

There wasn't at the time any choice, it was the only degree offered

Uh, the money I had to spend (p) uh well just the fact that I had to pay my own credit money to get the credential.
Um probably taking all the classes over the satellite, sometimes that got kind of hectic. (p) Um for the teacher program we did a lot of classes over the satellite, (p) distant education program. (p) Um cause sometimes the satellite classes had technical problems, (p) loss of audio or visual, um, sometimes classes got cancelled but no one would tell us in advance so we'd show up at Eastern and no one would be there.
Um, the number of classes offered. there wasn't a large range of classes offered for that degree
Um. well the distance learning thing was hard because sometimes the satellite was down and we had to miss class, and our class work would not be sent on time due to mailing problems.
Um.. it was the distance learning concept.. the Ed net.. there was a lack of feedback and communication w/ professor. not as good as breathing and live in front of you
Um...It required an overwhelming amount of schoolwork while maintaining duties outside the classroom that were also related to the coursework.
Well I guess in my case since I live in madras the distance that I had to travel at the time
Well the worst part was that the base of the university center is in Corvallis and so the distance became a problem at times
Well there were times when classrooms were inappropriate and fixtures unsuitable. there were no overhead projectors or they didn't work. Un-conducive to the activities we tried to do.
What was the worst part, I'd probably say some of the teachers that actually taught the courses, I don't feel that it was the best education I could have gotten.
You don't want to hear my answer (laughter) No, you don't want to hear my answer. (p) I don't feel like I got a very good education my last year. I went to Eastern in La Grand for three years and I went here for my last year and it was a joke (p) in Central Oregon (p) COCC through Eastern. (p) Um...I'm trying to word this tactfully, it was too easy. a lack of effort maybe.

DIS2

Why were you dissatisfied?

Administration is horrible, financial aids situation is horrible, don't get recognition for 4 point, they don't know who you are at Eastern University...I think we pay more for our credits off campus. They get face to face attention here on campus, but we as EO students are paying more for headache and paperwork instead.
Again because of lack of personal attention and low quality of curriculum program, an assembly line approach.
Because it is a new program and I think it is not really set up for a distance yet and bc it is not really what I wanted to study and I am taking it only bc it is here and it is not very well set up
Because it necessitated a year of student teaching and a minor in education which is something I wasn't interested in. I'm interested in teaching overseas. So none of that matters.
Because the courses that I need for counseling are not offered at the Center; I have to go to the valley.
Because the lack of choices and options that I can take though my degree because they offer the business degree I have to pick the classes from business degree to fit in to my degree.
Because they are cutting the program. Lewis & Clark started a grad program in ed. and they're cutting it, which forces me to go to Portland or Eugene. And if I wanted to live in Portland I'd be in Portland. I want to be in Central Oregon. I love it here. They are cutting it and I'm right in the middle of it. That's the whole reason I'm going to a private university instead of a state university--because they have a program. The state requires a master's in education and there's no place to do it now this side of the mountains,
Because they discontinued it (p) they still have the program but financial aid wouldn't cover it so there was no way I could afford it.
Extremely difficult to coordinate courses through another University through the University Center, and nobody knew what they were doing including counselors, staff and financial aid people. Even the degree course requirements were very unclear to students and staff at Bend (p) COCC and the University Center.
I didn't care for the format of the classes
I don't feel like it was comprehensive, put it this way, I don't feel I got enough feed-back
I don't know that the university center has competent teachers, organization, planning, resource availability, communication between eastern Oregon and the surrounding teachers that are working here at the university center
I feel that it was extremely unorganized and there's constant problems with the classes that I'm taking, for instance a lot of classes that I take require videos and the videos weren't made available until the second week of class which has put me back
I had problem with the instructor.
I think it's a new program and not a lot of my advisers for one, nobody really knows the answers to any questions I need, because nobody knows anything, I had problems with the OSU Distance Education phone line that you had to call, particularly I wouldn't receive my syllabus or my books until 2 or 3 weeks after a term would start. and I think that the classes offered are not as challenging as if you were in the class itself (p) nope
I think they had teachers teaching that were lazy about their subject matter (P) I knew more than they did and that shouldn't be the case, a lot of canned stuff was thrown at you just to say it was done instead of having productive discussions
I thought the quality of instruction was very poor. The ed net classes were inadequate and poorly coordinated. The program was not designed for people with families or who work. As an older student--it's maybe designed for

someone with any other commitments. And the fact that there are 9 classes plus 3 or 4 hours. Class prep and assignments was far too demanding and especially for someone older than forty. Communication with Eastern Oregon was very poor. There were numerous problems with registration. There were so many glitches. I'm not very impressed with the quality of instruction or the organization of the program. it has not been well organized. It was not at the level that I was expecting, it was more at the entry level, it was made more for nurses that had never worked (p) and that did not have clinical experience

Lack of professionalism and organization of admin and instructors

Lewis and Clark pulled their program and there's not place to get the program I need to keep my job this side of the mountain.

No local support of the Eastern program at that time, I know that they have changed it since.

Not happy about facilities for research as a graduate student.

One of the things that was not up to snuff as far as I was concerned was you were supposed to be able to do some of the work over the internet and they didn't have that up and running in a timely fashion, I think they didn't get anything going until the middle of October and I was disappointed in it. (p) Also they wanted me to have ten PE credits and I found out later that it's not something I can do through distance learning. (p) I had thought I'd be able to do the health option but I was told I needed to have these PE credits to teach.

Only one class in field and it did not work for working people and their schedules

Poor quality of instruction

Some professor didn't fulfill the expectations of their jobs and I was misinformed on some things

The administration of the program was "liquid," not knowing what they were doing from one student to the next.

The program itself was lacking in content to prepare to me to be a teacher

The quality of instructions was very poor

There is an instructor there who is discriminatory, she would make it very difficult for some students. I left hoping that she would leave as Dean, and that I could continue. She was so discriminatory that it verged on civil rights violation. I did not want to continue because I feared that she commanded the who program and she was discriminatory against people who came from other areas besides Portland. Everyone I know who has gone through the program has had to put up with her treatment of them. If she knew I made these comments it would hurt.

They are not offering a class

They discontinued the program.

Um just disorganization (p) um, well the first year that they started it (p) the University Center where I could get my degree at the U of O, nobody at the Financial Aid Office (p) at COCC had any information or knew how the financial aid worked when a student was enrolled at COCC and U of O at the same time. That delayed my getting into the program by one term. Then also, for the Anatomy and Physiology classes, to make it a U of O credit you have to take an extra lab that uses the CD Rom and the CDs were not compatible with COCC computers.

Um, mainly because we just kind of been neglected, they started out making a lot of promises to upgrade the way the program was supposed to operate and they just have never come through, so more specifically like, um they have the capability to run these classes live and they just won't, through live video feed, and they won't. (p) I guess the other is that there is very little commitment from the Professors who have to teach distance learning, to do the most that they can with the program.

Um. How can I put this ? Commitment from PSU for a quality program. Or lack of commitment from them.

Well because they didn't see the program through the completion...they came up short and left me. they dropped the ball, it was the pilot program and they pulled out of it.

Well, because it was too frustrating, I was doing a lot of the distance education programs and there was a lot of confusion in getting the wrong assignments, and also with their distance learning office there was bad communication with them, and with the teachers [bad communication?] yeah.

WHERE

Was this at another community college or at another four-year institution?

Other community college - Specify:

Allen Hancock in Santa Maria CA, Glen Oaks in Michigan	Blue Mountain Community College
Alpena Community College in Michigan	Blue Mountain Community College
American River Community College in Sacramento California	Blue Mountain Community College
American River Junior College	Blue Mountain Community College
Antelope Valley College	Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.
Bakersfield Community College	Blue Mt. CC in Pendleton, SOSC, Good Samaritan School of Nursing, Portland, OR
Barstow CC	Boise State, Mount Hood CC
Beauty College, a one year program	Both Community College of Vermont, and U of Idaho
Bellevue	Browered C.C.
Blue Mountain Community College	Cabrillo Community College
Blue Mountain Community College	Camosun Community College (Victoria, BC)

Peninsula CC in Port Angeles in WA
 Philadelphia Community College
 Pike Peak Comm. Coll.
 Pikes Peak Community College, Portland Community
 College
 Portland CC
 Portland CC
 Portland CC
 Portland CC, Central Texas CC
 Portland CC, Mt. Hood CC
 Portland CC. and Ohlone in Fremont CA
 Portland Comm College, Marylhurst, Lewis and Clark,
 Portland State
 Portland Community College
 Portland Community College
 Portland Community College
 Portland Community College
 Portland Community College
 Portland Community College
 Portland Community College
 Private Liberal Arts College, Whitman College in
 Washington, Washington State University. Masters
 Program, Colorado State Univ.
 PSU and Pacific University
 Questa CC, San Francisco, CA
 Rick's College Rexburg, Idaho
 Riverside Community College in Calif.
 Riverside Community College, Lane Community College,
 Portland Community College
 Rock Valley CC ILL
 Rogue community College and Linfield College
 Roseville CC
 Salon, Riverside, Cabrillo
 San Diego Mesa College
 San Fernando Valley Community College, Pierce
 Community College

Shasta College in Redding California
 Shasta Community College
 Sierra College
 Sierra College CA in Rockland
 South Western Oregon, Southern Oregon State
 Southern Nevada Community College
 Southwest Oregon CC
 Southwestern Com. College.
 Southwestern Oregon CC
 Southwestern Oregon CC, Lane CC
 Sussex County Comm. Coll., Rocky University, Flathead
 Valley Comm. Coll.
 Sylvania campus in Tigard and Portland CC at Rock
 Creek Campus
 Tanana Community College, Antelope Valley Community
 College
 The College of the Redwoods
 There are actually two of them one was Centralia
 Community College, in Washington, and the other is
 South Puget Sound Community College.
 Tillamook Bay CC through Portland CC, also took an
 Internet class from Mt. Hood CC
 Treasure Valley
 Treasure Valley CC; Rogue CC,
 Treasure Valley Community College
 Trinity Western in Canada (p) in Langley British
 Columbia; Judson Baptist Junior College (p) in
 Portland, Oregon
 U of O
 U of O, LCC, Yale University
 Uh was...San Antonio Community College in Texas
 Umpqua Community College
 Ventura Community College in California
 Walla Walla Community College

INTNDPRG

What do you intend to study?

Accounting
 Accounting
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 Accounting
 Accounting.
 Addiction counseling
 An MBA
 Anthropology
 Anthropology
 Anthropology
 Archaeology and Spanish
 Architecture
 Architecture and fine arts
 Arts and literature.
 Biology
 Biology
 Biology combined with math
 Bio-mechanics
 Botany
 Botany or art
 Business

Business
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 Business
 Business
 Business Administration
 Business Administration
 Business administration
 Business administration
 Business administration
 Business administration with a minor in music
 Business education
 Business info systems
 Business management
 Business Management and Accounting.
 Business/ hospitality, tourism & recreation management
 Chemistry
 Child psychology
 Communications.
 Computer and information systems
 Computer Engineering
 Computer info systems
 Computer science
 Computer science
 Computer science

Computer Science	Elementary Education (p) Bachelor's (p) I'm taking classes but it's less than what is required to attend that program, to officially put in an application and be accepted into the program. I'm getting done with some of the prerequisites. (p) A Masters in Education
Computer science	Engineering
Computer science	Engineering
Computer science	Engineering
Corrections	Engineering
Counseling	Engineering
Counseling	Engineering
Counseling and special ed	Engineering - mechanical
Criminal justice	English
Criminology	English
Dental hygiene	English Literature
Doctorate pharmacy	Environmental Science/Biology
Ecology	Exercise science
Education	Exercise sports science
Education	Finance
Education	Financial management
Education	Fine arts
Education	Fine Arts
Education	Finish my BS Nursing
Education	Finishing up an english degree
Education	Fire science
Education	Fire Science
Education	Forestry
Education	Forestry
Education	Forestry, forest products
Education	General Natural Resources
Education	General science
Education	General Science Biology
Education	General sciences
Education	Geography, because it is not available so I was going to enroll to business information system through Linfield College
Education	Graphic Design and Music.
Education	Health & human performance
Education	Health education
Education	History (MA)
Education	History , or theology
Education (p) Elementary Education, the QUESTE program through Eastern Oregon University. I haven't decided whether I'm going to do that or the MIT Program (p) Masters in Teaching, it's also through Eastern Oregon University (p) through the Extension Program. (p) I inquired but haven't enrolled in the Extension Program yet, (p) it wouldn't be until July 2001.	History and Anthropology
Education (secondary)	History and Education
Education counseling	History and Health (p) clinically I'm a junior, I don't know the technical terms for all this. (p) I hope to do the Masters Program (p) I don't know.
Education, language.	History and Political science
Education, Secondary Education	I don't know I guess computer science
Either masters of teacher education or a program for reading endorsements for elementary teachers	I don't know probably finances
Elementary ed	I guess it would be liberal studies
Elementary education	I intend to get my Masters in Teaching.
Elementary education	I would like to combine Biology and Psychology
Elementary education	I'm not sure. Something to do with Conservation of Natural Resources
Elementary education	Information systems
Elementary education	Information systems
Elementary education	Information technology
Elementary Education	Journalism
	Just trying to finish the General studies.
	Landscape architecture
	Liberal Arts
	Liberal arts
	Liberal Arts
	Liberal arts or education.

Liberal arts, criminology, and nutrition and family health	PE Health
MA peace and conflict resolution.	Phlebotomy or pulmonary or geriatrics.
Management	Photography
Manufacturing	Photography
Manufacturing engineering	Physical therapy
Manufacturing engineering	Physical therapy
marketing	Plant science
Master of elementary ed.	Political science
Masters degree in technology	Probably counseling of some kind
Masters in counseling	Probably marketing and management
Masters in Early Education	Probably science or pre med
Masters in education	Psychiatric and mental health nursing
Masters in Education.	Psychology
Masters in human nutrition	Psychology
Masters in information technology or maybe a Ph. D.	Psychology
Masters in Psychology	Psychology
Masters in Public Admin. PSU	Psychology
Masters in Social Work, psychology & sociology	Psychology
Masters of nursing	Psychology
Master's of science and nursing.	Psychology
Masters of Special Education in Handicap Learner at Lewis and Clark through the Central Oregon University Center	Psychology
Math	Psychology
Mathematics	Psychology
Mechanical engineering	Psychology
Mechanical engineering	Psychology.
Medical technology	Public health or computer information systems
Medicine, MD	Secondary Ed, English & History
MTE	Secondary education
Multi-disciplinary studies through Eastern	Social and behavior sciences
Multi-media communications	Social science
Music	Social science
Music.	Social Science
My advanced degree, my BSN (p) yes, a BS in Nursing	Social work
Natural resources	Sociology
Naturopathic medicine	Sociology
Not exactly sure, probably major in criminal justice	Sociology
Nursing	Something for education
Nursing	Something to do with education
Nursing	Special education
Nursing	Special education
Nursing	Speech Communications
Nursing	Sport Medicine
Nursing	Sports medicine
Nursing	Teacher education
Nursing	Teaching master's
Nursing	The same thing, Nursing
Nursing	Theater arts
Nursing	Theatre arts and human resources
Nursing	Uh I want to get a Masters in Education.
Nursing	Uh Right now I'm thinking Architecture or maybe Sports Medicine.
Nursing	Um .. liberal study and Library science
Nursing	Um Elementary Education.
Nursing	Um, Accounting.
Nursing	Um, if I had to choose, it would probably be management information services, right now
Nursing or Emergency Medial Service	Um, interior design and business management
Nursing, BS	Um, Liberal Art or Cultural Anthropology, something like that.
Nursing, to continue on w/ that	Um, oh that's a good question, probably if it is compatible with my studies in criminal justice, I will go with something in English
Nursing.	
Nutrition and Food Management	
Office systems management	

Um, sociology
Um...I'm not quite sure yet...looking into the computer area.
Undecided. (p) Um...uh...Education Administration.
Vascular technology

Voice performance
Well, Multidisciplinary education.
Wildlife and natural resources
Wildlife biology
Yeah, Oregon State. Fisheries and Wildlife.

REASON

What is the primary reason you would want a degree in this area?

Able to teach it
Advancement of education
Always interested me...building things
Availability of jobs
Because I already have a Bachelor's
Because I already have a bachelor's and I have to get a Masters in order to keep our Teachers' Certificate, or have it renewed, however you want to put it, same thing.
Because I enjoy working with kids
Because I like it.
Because I like the field (p) there's a growing need for it too, job security (p) job security, then, I guess.
Because I think it would allow me to get a job that would keep me on central Oregon
Because I want to be a teacher and get an administrative degree
Because I want to be a teacher. I want to get out of the military- do something else, a career change you could say.
Because I want to become a professor or educator or author (p) all of the three, actually
Because I work in education and education is self serving.
Because I'm really interested in designing buildings, I find it appealing
Because it fascinates me
Because it's a rewarding field, I like kids
Because it's interesting to me
Because it's of high interest to me
Because it's offered at COCC
Because it's required by law
Because it's very interesting to me
Because of my job
Because of personal interest
Because that is what I enjoy
Because that's what I am going to become a teacher.
Because the area I am in now.
Better career opportunities
Business Degree is not available and because I can get through it Lib. Arts faster
Career
Career choice
Cash baby!!! It's such a strong field to get into
Cause I enjoy working with people
Cause I like it.
Cause I like working with kids, I don't know; personal preference
Cause I really enjoy working with kids; the other reason is that I want to share with these kids my love of English and History; if I can make a difference.
Cause I'm interested in it
Cause I'm really good with little kids
Cause it's fun and I will make a lot of money
Cause it's what I want to do.
Computers
Continuous education
Cuz it's my personal interests.
Education. and my interest
Employment
Enhances present job.
Fastest growing job market with projected stability
First thing that came along that I was interested in
Flexibility in its field.
Flexibility of where you can use it.
For advancement
For career
For continuing education
For experience and starting my own business

For job related purposes
For my education and interest in the field
For the personal satisfaction. (p) for the Bachelors, for the satisfaction of working with children (p) Masters, by law you are required to get a Masters Degree with six years or else they won't renew your license.
For um job promotion.
For work , employment, personal satisfaction
Found that it's what I like
Further my education
Further my knowledge in this field
Going into social work
Have a bachelor's degree, self improvement at this time.
Help me get a job as a firefighter
Help me with my work and enable me to, in case my position is cut if there is no more funding, and if I have a masters in counseling I can either work in the high schools or in the junior high as a counselor
I am interested in it ..I like it.
I am interested in my major and hopefully want to be a journalist
I am pursuing a career to be a youth enhancement services coordinator
I don't know, it's what I want to do.
I don't know, to help people out with sports injuries
I enjoy children
I enjoy that field, I enjoy doing anything in that field
I find it fascinating
I guess I could make the difference in school.
I guess it would have to be family flexibility time, it's a good career to have with a family.
I have children and its hard to move.
I like kids (p) (this will give you a chance to ...) teach kids
I like people, I want them to smile with clean teeth
I like the field and it will be lucrative job wise
I like them (p) its not because there's any jobs in them, it for a second career
I live here, I am interested in the field
I need it to keep my license
I think it would be fun teaching
I think that I would be helpful in that area
I want a degree in this area so I can go into the upper echelons of the Red Cross, I wanna be in top administration
I want to continue my job and it is a requirement
I want to get my CPA license so that I can get a good job
I want to go into area that will give me independence regardless of the economy.
I want to make video games.
I want to teach
I want to teach
I want to teach children
I want to work in that field
I want to write or be a teacher.
I work for the city staying in local government
I'm finishing old business and want to be a better Jeopardy player
I'm going to become a fire chief someday after I put in time as one of the grunts.
I'm having to take care of ill mother, nothing else to do here in Central OR
I'm interested in it. Although the money is good
I'm interested in working with people. (p) ah, I want to go into a career, I am not sure what, but I want to work with people and I thought Psychology would be best for working with people.
I'm really good with computers and there is a lot of money out there, and it's really exciting (p) I think it's actually pretty much both, but mostly because I enjoy computers a lot.
Improve job skills
In order to apply to graduate school
Increase my opportunities
Interest
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Interest in it, it's what I want to do
 Interest in subject and chance to get a different job
 Interest in the field
 Interest, I find it fascinating
 Interested
 Interested in for years.
 Interested in the field
 Interesting
 Interests me
 It enables me to sit for certification in my graduate, it's called a diplomat program or a fellowship program, a specialty
 within medicine, within chiropractic medicine, I have a private practice
 It fascinates me and something I enjoy
 It has been an area of interest since I was a child.
 It is a dream since childhood. I have always wanted to be a teacher
 It is just an interest...social services, or do research.
 It is just what I am interested in.
 It is the closest degree related to my job that is available here and also I might get my employer to help me with my
 tuition
 It is what I enjoy doing
 It is what I want to do
 It pertains to the field I want to go in.
 It's a wide enough field that there's more job opportunities
 It's easy
 It's interesting to me
 It's just something I've always wanted to do, and I'm finally doing it.
 It's my field of interest, I want to go into it mainly to help people
 It's my interest
 It's required with my bachelors
 It's something that I care about
 It's what I've always been interested in
 I've always wanted to be a physician, that's the primary reason.
 I've been interested in the field since high school and it seems like a field that needs to be around.
 Job advancement
 Job availability
 Job availability
 Job enhancement
 Job incentives
 Job opportunities
 Job opportunities, but I'm not going to get it there, in case they want to know that. (p) I will not get it through COCC
 University Center.
 Job opportunities.
 Job placement,(P) to get a job here.
 Job reason
 Job requirement, to have a degree in teaching.
 Job security
 Just because I think the work is interesting, it has good pay and high placement
 Just because it is interesting, and I work in the hotel
 Just because it's a good opportunity (laughter) cause that's what I want to do, teach.
 Just for a job in the future
 Just for the job market I believe
 Just personal desire
 Just something I'm interested in I guess
 Just something I've always been interested in
 Just that I'm pretty interested in it, be a pretty easy job
 Just to be in that field of work
 Just to extend my education
 Just to further my education
 Just to know more
 Just to make more money and expand my knowledge
 Mm, well, I'm working in the field of criminal justice, and basically I have a better chance of moving up the ladder, it
 makes me more qualified for job opportunities in advancing my career
 More experience. it would allow me to do different things.
 More job opportunity
 More money for what kind of work I do

Mostly because I was interested in it and I think it'd be something I enjoy doing
 Mostly to enhance my self esteem, for focus in my life, to make myself feel good and because I think Education is extremely important
 My experiences here
 My field interest
 My interest
 My interest
 My interest in education and children and learning at the same time
 My interest in it
 My interest in the field
 My interests
 Necessary for my job
 Oh, I just want, because I want to have a job with business like management or accounting
 Opportunities that arise from it, these could be applied anywhere
 People can make a lot of money in it I guess
 Personal interest
 Personal interest
 Personal interest
 Personal satisfaction and career opportunities
 Physics not available
 Possibly lack of work in the area I am in now.
 Research and design
 Satisfying rewarding career
 Second career
 Self - development
 Self satisfaction
 So I can help people and to learn more about the body
 So I could get a better job
 So that I can move up in my current job
 So that I can teach and get a Teaching Certificate.
 So that I can teach.
 So that I can work in Special Ed. Teach in Special Ed.
 Something do give me a job so I could stay here.
 Strong ethics
 Teach at local high school
 Teaching
 That's my current profession
 That's the career choice I've made.
 That's what I'm interested in
 The company I work for bases benefits on education. I do enjoy learning.
 To become a coach
 To continue my professional development (p) I'm a teacher right now, just to get my Masters.
 To enable me to get a job
 To enhance my professional skills.
 To extend my teaching license
 To finish and just interest
 To further my career
 To further my career
 To further my career
 To further my education to be more employable.
 To further my job (p) to go higher up in my job
 To further my job capabilities
 To get a good job
 To get my teaching degree
 To have a career with a decent income
 To help people further on a higher level
 To increase my knowledge in my job, the job that I'm doing, to increase my knowledge and it would increase my salary, too.
 To keep my license
 To make more money
 To move up in the work area
 To open a nursery
 To save the world, to save myself, to save you
 To teach

To teach
 To teach (p) anywhere from grade school to high school, but not at College though
 To teach people to respect our environment
 To teach, to be a certified teacher
 To use later on.
 To work in the field
 To work with delinquent use
 To work with kids
 Twofold: when you're over forty--it was the quickest way to a four year degree and I think liberal arts fits my philosophy of education and fits my interests
 Uh just to further my education and get a pay raise. (laughter)
 Uh just to keep my current teaching job (p) the State of Oregon requires teachers to continue their education in order to stay certified so I need a Masters to teach.
 Uh, well, to actually, it would be to upgrade my certificate. That would enable me to teach at the high school level
 Uh...just that I'm interested in it, I enjoy it.
 Um because I like it! (laughter)
 Um just what I need for to go on.
 Um my goal is to be a CPA and advance in a career. (p) Certified Public Accountant, that's my long term goal.
 Um the career opportunities it presents.
 Um this is my home It interests me cause I love learning teaching and children. I like the process of putting it all together.
 Um, (laughter) ...because I'm interested in advertising and web design and possibly movie special effects.
 Um, advances you in your work, pay scale, and opens more opportunities to do more in that field.
 Um, because I want to teach.
 Um, Career Opportunities (p) I'm guaranteed a good job with a good future and a good salary.
 Um, easier to get a job here.
 Um, for my own knowledge, I suppose and to move up the ladder of, um, working the school system
 Um, further my earning ability.
 Um, helping other people
 Um, I don't know, I just have an interest in it.
 Um, I don't know, just interest.
 Um, I guess I see a need for it. Because of the way Central Oregon is growing.
 Um, I think it opens a lot of doors to a lot of fields, and hopefully I'll have my own business when I get older. My dad has his own business, and there is a possibility that I might take it over.
 Um, I want to help people, I have done parts of it, I have done clerical, I have worked in and out of hospitals, and it just what I've always wanted to do
 Um, interest because of.. the growing of the field.. and the availability of the good jobs in the field
 Um, its just an area that I want to make my life out of
 Um, its just my field of interest, I guess. I'm interested in medicine
 Um, its the closest area of study that interests me that is offered through correspondence
 Um, just continuation in my manufacturing field
 Um, mostly because of the demand for the position and you can pretty much get a job anywhere with that degree
 Um, personal interest
 Um, profession, what I wanted to do since I was 5 years old.
 Um, to become a music teacher
 Um, well because I want to be involved in the education process. I'd like to do some counseling in school but first I have to get my degree in education
 Um, Well because it has a job future and because I am really interested in this.
 Um, well, that's what I am working in natural resources.
 Um, work with children eventually.
 Um.. because it's where my career is, I already work in this career and where my interest is.
 Um.. I like working w/ kids.
 Um... gee I don't know, just something I've always wanted to do
 Um...because it's something I think I'd like to do.
 Um...I have an interest in biology I guess.
 Umm. I am interested in it, no other reasons than that.
 Want to converse the two fields, such as programming with music, more work available there, versus composing.
 Well because life is short
 Well I like to draft, around the Central Oregon area there's quite a few jobs dealing with that (p) drafting and construction, and designing. (p) Um well I think it's interesting to me (p) um yeah well I like Sports, I think that would be a good way to stick with it, to be a trainer in the high schools or maybe at the College level.
 What I would be looking at would be combining them as a career path that allows for advancement.
 Whew, well, its a easy question but hard to answer. that was just my career choice. I felt that nursing was the direction I wanted to go
 Working at the police department

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Which of the following answers best summarizes why you might enroll?

Other-Specify:

All of the above

It is a requirement to continue my license

It is both staying in central Oregon and my interest in archeology and Spanish

Just like, personal interest

ENDIT**Comments:**

"This survey is ridiculous, asking people who took one class all about their "program" when they didn't even enroll in a program."

[R lives and teaches in Gresham, she took a 1-week course in Bend for her Master's at Lewis and Clark]

Added that she knows there are people in central Oregon who are very interested in special education degrees and she would like to see them continue. [R teaches some classes in the area; was very concerned about the confidentiality of the survey because her answers regarding the criticism of a professor could hurt her professionally & prevent obtaining an important certification.]

Both my children: I wish that the university center could offer courses that my children could take instead of having to go elsewhere; and because of expenses

Central Oregon Community College campus was very unhandy, R attended class in person one time and it was a terrible ordeal to get around on campus, it was one hundred and twenty miles away from home, parking was terrible, trying to get to the room was terrible, although R had gone before, that is why R has taken classes on the internet ever since, she would not go back on the COCC campus.

He said he moved to Klamath Fall, he said he was not sure if Klamath Falls is considered Central OR. He said sometimes people said Klamath Falls is Southern OR. I entered yr. that he moved to Klamath Fall.

I am thrilled that the College, COCC is a very high standard school and personally I think it is tougher than a lot of 4-year schools. Last trimester I took a class up there, and boy, it was tough. I hope they can keep up the high standard.

I could only enroll in a Bachelors program if they offered it here in Central Oregon

I got screwed in the (nursing) program I took classes and the teachers were good but the administrators basically told me one thing and did another and there are several other people that have had this problem(p)they had problems getting my high school transcripts and this problem put me out of the selection program, they said they would put my name in twice next year but I'm in EMS now

I ran out of room for why R dissatisfied with the program. He also sd. it was a waste of time and money for him to take a bunch of welding classes when he wanted to be a machinist.

If we can receive a quality education here instead of relocating it's advantageous to ourself and our community, anything less is really a hardship

Lewis & Clark has an excellent Master's degree program in education and they shouldn't cut it. I believe education is really important and we should have an opportunity to further our education here in Central Oregon.

Lives in Klamath Falls, is taking correspondence courses from Eastern

Lives in southern Oregon and never lived or worked in Central Oregon. He attended one class in Bend, apparently through the Central Oregon University Center (although he did not recognize that name) to finish his certification (not really a program or degree, he explained). The miles he travels to school are from southern Oregon to Eugene to attend the University of Oregon, he said.

R at first said she is attending Eastern Oregon University and asked for a definition of Central Oregon University Center, she had never heard of it. Then her husband overheard her and told her that she is taking courses at Eastern Oregon University through Central Oregon University Center and she was able to continue with the interview, but for a moment we were hung up.

R did not realize that the classes she was taking at Oregon State University or the class she had taken at Eastern Oregon University were through the Central Oregon University Center.

R did not recognize the name Central Oregon University Center but with a lot of probing we determined he attended Lewis and Clark through the extension program as they brought some instructors to a nearby location for some classes.

R did not understand at first what we meant when we referred to Central Oregon University Center. She kept saying she only took one class at COCC and that her program was at Eastern Oregon University, and explained that her last year, she finished the Education Program through EOU but physically at COCC. It required a lot of probing to get answers from her. It was as if she'd never heard of COCC.

R didn't want to divulge age, she's lived in central Oregon all her life though, she had to refuse that question too or we would have figured out how old she is

R explained that after attending Oregon State University through the Central Oregon Community College for a year, she moved to Corvallis to attend OSU directly and work there. R grew up in Central Oregon and wanted to go to a different community. She is currently enrolled in a Bachelor program in Education at OSU and probably will enroll in a Masters program in Education.

R explained that she didn't enroll in a program at COUC. She got her reading endorsement for her teaching certificate there, but had to take correspondence courses through EOU on an independent study basis. She had received her teaching degree at a 4-year College elsewhere.

R had never heard of Central Oregon University Center but with probing he realized the courses he is taking at Lewis and Clark is through COUC.

R had to estimate that she went to the other schools (Lane Community College and the other four year school) for two years because she went part time sometimes.

R is attending Oregon State University through the World Wide Web. He did not recognize the Central Oregon University Center. R is an administrator at a school but the miles he travels (one hundred fifty) is not to work.

R is not currently attending at COCC. R did not know what Central Oregon University Center was but she offered that the four year institution that she attended was Eastern Oregon University. R offered that she has a four year degree and is teaching.

R is not currently attending school. R had to travel about thirty miles to school when she was attending. Although R is teaching, the thirty miles does not reflect the distance she travels to work.

R is not currently enrolled so the twenty miles he'd travel one way would be if he were enrolled. R is teaching currently, but he did not mean twenty miles to work, because he asked "to the University?".

R is taking courses at COCC still, she does want to attend a four year College but there is nothing around there, she is just taking music-related courses.

R is very satisfied with the counselor that she has who is not located at the Central Oregon University Center, she has her own office off campus. R has never had a good experience at the University Center. R has a son who goes to College at COCC, they're terrible. R deals with the admissions office at Eastern University who are helpful and concerned, in contrast with COUC office at COCC.

R never lived in Central OR. She took 2 classes offered from UO only in summer.

R offered that "they will *never* create a four year degree in Forestry" in Central Oregon, but then said if they did he'd definitely enroll full time.

R offered that he also attended Oregon State University, Portland State University and Western Oregon University.

R offered when asked how long she attended another four year institution that she got an endorsement, ESOL (English for Students of Other Languages) at Lewis and Clark located at Madras through "another extension program" which when probed she said it was eighteen units and that "they got a grant to do it". I think this may have also been through Central Oregon University Center?

R said "when they offer what(the class) I want I'll take it"

R said he already has a Bachelors degree but if they offered a Masters degree in Education in Central Oregon he'd definitely enroll full time. R said that if he were enrolled currently he'd travel fifty miles to school but he is not enrolled now (he teaches but his answer is not how far he travels to work).

R said he can take courses from home so he doesn't travel to school. R said that he has other concerns that weren't covered with these questions. The programs that Central Oregon Community College offers through the University Center are good, however, the communication lines between the community College and the university center "are terrible".

R said he took some classes at Central Oregon Community College only to fulfill some requirements for the program he is enrolled in at Linfield College.

R said particularly enjoyed Dr. Haley's Biology Class, and loved ART 101 Internet Class through OSU

R said she did not get financial aid to attend, but that she was reimbursed for her education by her employer.

R said she graduated from her program at COCC in 1977.

R said she is currently enrolled at COCC but has been accepted into COUC for next year.

R said she is not sure but if she enrolled in a Bachelors or Masters program it would be in Nursing and she would prefer to enroll somewhere else besides in Central Oregon.

R said she is undecided whether she wants COCC to become a four year College. She said that it is a real controversial subject

R said that she had taken a form of this survey in printed form at COCC

R said that she has inquired into the Extension Program but has not enrolled in it yet.

R sd. his reason for wanting a degree in forestry was involved so he didn't want to go into it, although I told him he could say whatever he wanted

R teaches at one of the schools (COUC I think)

R took courses from Chemeketa CC, but wasn't sure if he went through COUC

R wanted to make comment at end; I have attended the Sylvania Campus, Portland CC, and Quality of COCC is much better than Portland CC

R was never in a program at COCC, she just took classes there. R also never enrolled at COUC to her knowledge

R wasn't familiar with the name Central Oregon University Center. R said she completed her coursework and is waiting for her grades to get her certificate, so she considered herself still enrolled. She said sometimes courses were held in Redmond, in which case she travels two miles one way to school, and sometimes classes are held in Bend, in which case she travels twenty miles to school.

R wasn't familiar with the term "Central Oregon University Center". R was thrown off by the term "program" so I probed with Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts. R gave her best estimate of what years she attended COCC or started at OSU (COUC). R said she wasn't sure where her job is because she didn't know if Warm Springs is considered in Central Oregon or another part of Oregon.

R would enroll in a Bachelor's Program if they offered it (she had to enroll in two minors to create a major) plus R would enroll in a Master's Program someday to get her certificate in Teaching, because the State of Oregon requires it in order for teachers to be able to maintain their certificate and continue teaching. R would enroll in both, if offered, because of her interest.

R: I am Extremely frustrated the Lewis and Clark are moving their program to Portland, the Masters Program.

R: I feel weird because the survey doesn't allow for comments, I'm a real advocate at Eastern Oregon. I'm able to have a career, family and at two in the morning, I think that what confuses me. Me and a friend take tests. She at COUC and me more locally.

She confused COCC w/ COUC, but she corrected that when I clarified it.

She had mentioned that she was somewhere between dissatisfied and satisfied w/ COUC but that satisfied because she did what she had to do for the program. Although she says she is enrolled, she hasn't attended the last two terms. Is close to graduation.

She said she would enroll in a master degree program if it was available.

She went to Eastern Oregon U., and studied by long distance, didn't travel to school at all. She at first refused that she went to Central Oregon. She didn't move to central OR either. She said she wouldn't enroll in any programs(full or part time) if they are not long distance learning.

The average student with the Eastern program, I tended to feel a lot like a guinea pig and as things have changed, they change things and tell you at the last minute, or classes that you take that they said you had to take don't count for anything, records get lost, it just needs to be tightened up, I'm glad its here but it's not run very well, but my 2 children I wouldn't encourage them to

The number of years attending all schools was not necessarily full time, only part time lasting 15 including the first four full time for her BA

The nursing program and what is going on with it is very Hush-hush, they keep a blanket over it and no one knows what is going on.

The solution was that the students in the Anatomy and Physiology class took their work home and used Power Point, a program on the computer, and e-mailed their work to the school, and I did not have that (p) Power Point, so I just fell behind in that class. (p) I don't even know if I ever got a grade for the lab. I think I have to take it over because I know they worked on it last year.

They are not asking helpful questions. They really should address a student forum to really find out what students think. This woman was also taking classes at Linfield through COUC, and was six weeks away from graduating with a bachelor's degree.

To clarify, R is a pre-major at Central Oregon Community College but was just accepted at Eastern Oregon University. R is currently officially a pre-major but "in a year" she will enroll in the Education program.