



***Partners in Practice* 2018-2019 Scholarship Opportunity**

Partners in Practice provides early childhood professionals in Central Oregon an opportunity to gain college course credits and increase their step on the Oregon Registry. The goal of the *Partners in Practice* Scholarship is to increase access to professional development through higher education, in order to promote quality in early childhood education programs.

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Scholarship Funds: If accepted, the 2018-2019 *Partners in Practice* Scholarship may cover expenses and provide opportunities such as:

- **Tuition costs** for education classes and/or education degree required classes.
- Opportunity to check out a laptop to complete course assignments.
- Support from peer mentors throughout the term.

Criteria: Scholarship applications will be evaluated using these criteria. Because scholarship funding is limited, applications will be weighted based on the number of criteria met below:

- Enrollment in the Oregon Registry <https://my.oregonregistryonline.org/>
- Employment or volunteering at an early childhood program licensed by the State of Oregon.
- Submission of Professional Development Plan
https://drive.google.com/file/d/12RW_XnS9VGNdxq8Hi5nGPWPsLBCqXPkH/view .
- Declared major in Early Childhood Education





Applications will be reviewed based on the above criteria and with a strong commitment to the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) Equity Lens, for more information visit: (<http://www.ode.state.or.us/superintendent/priorities/final-equity-lens-draft-adopted.pdf>).

Eligibility: In order to receive a Partners in Practice Scholarship (PIP), you must:

- **Complete and submit** your Partners in Practice Scholarship application **on time**, by the due date for the term. The due dates are listed on the first page of this application. If applications are received after deadline, they may not be reviewed.
- You must become a current, education related degree-seeking student.
- **Apply for FAFSA or alternate FAFSA.** <https://www.cocc.edu/financial-aid/>
- **Apply for Foundation Scholarship.** <https://www.cocc.edu/departments/foundation/scholarship-information-for-students.aspx>
- Complete necessary steps to register as a student at COCC and register for your coursework through COCC.
- Submit/upload any relevant transcripts to ORO
- Late applications will not be considered, and we will encourage late applicants to apply for a subsequent term.
- You will receive an acceptance or denial letter from Partners in Practice prior to the first day of the term of application.
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To register for classes and receive funds, you must:

- Apply to COCC as a degree or certificate seeking student in an education related path. You **must** be registered as a student at COCC. Please check to see that your current student status is active if you have not been a student with COCC for more than a year.
- Complete placement test. Placement tests are **required** for new students or students who do not have current placement test information.





- Schedule advising. If current student, connect with your PIP assigned advisor Amy Howell at ahowell@cocc.edu. If new student, attend New Student Advising/Registration Day.
- Keep your COCC academic record and COCC student account in good standing.
- Provide grades at the end of every semester to a PIP Specialist
- Have an approval letter stating the classes/# of credits that Partners in Practice scholarship will cover for that term.
- **CONTACT US WITH YOUR GRADES AFTER EACH SEMESTER – THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, MISSING GRADES COULD EQUATE TO DENIAL OF FUNDING**

Questions? We are here to help! Key contacts for the Partners in Practice Grant:

- Applicant & Provider Support: Child Care Resources (claren@neighborimpact.org)
- Program Director of Early Childhood Education at COCC and Advising for Current Partners in Practice Scholars: Amy Howell (ahowell@cocc.edu)
- Placement Testing & Support: Beth Wright (bwright@cocc.edu) or 541-383-7581.
- Admissions & Records: Kara Rutherford (krutherford2@cocc.edu) or 541-318-3741.
- Course Registration Support: Mindalay Perez (mperez10@cocc.edu) or 541-318-3713.
- Financial Account Questions: Stella Mackey (smackey@cocc.edu) or 541-383-7239.
- New Student Advising information: Center for Career Services, Academic Advising and Personal Counseling Center (CAP): 541-383-7200.
- Sign Language Interpreter Specialist: Erin Trimble (etrimble@cocc.edu) or 541-383-7737.





- Coordinator of Services and Accommodations: Jamie Rougeux
(jrougeux2@cocc.edu) or 541-383-7743.

****PLEASE KEEP THESE PAGES OF THE APPLICATION FOR YOUR INFORMATION****

You are responsible for returning this application to:

Child Care Resources c/o PIP

404 SW 7th St. Redmond OR 97756.

Fax: 541-548-6013

Email: claren@neighborimpact.org

Either via scanning and emailing, mailing or hand delivering.

PEER MENTORS NO LONGER GATHER APPLICATIONS.

Partners in Practice Scholarship Application

Application Date: _____ Term you are applying for: _____

Personal Information:

Full Legal Name: _____ COCC ID #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____





Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Central Background Registry Number: **R**_____

Demographic Information:

Gender: Female Male Other

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino? YES NO

In addition please select one or more of the following that apply:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Asian
- Two or More Races (Multiracial)

What is your primary language? _____

Do you speak any other languages? _____

What languages do you use with the children in your program?

Oregon Registry Information:

Are you on the Oregon Registry? YES Not yet, but I applied. NO

If yes, what is your current Step? _____ What Step are you working towards? _____

If no, would you like support applying? YES NO

Employment Information:





Name of Early Education Program: _____

Your current position: _____

Is your place of employment licensed by the state/Office Child Care? YES NO

Facility License, RF, CF, CC, or PS Number: _____

Does your program serve children and families receiving DHS subsidies? YES NO

If yes, what is your program's DHS identification number? _____

Is your placement of employment participating in Oregon's SPARK? YES NO

Education Goals:

Please indicate (✓) your degree goals:

__ Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Early Childhood Education

__ Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT)

__ Certificate in Child, Family, and Community Studies (CFC)

__ Certificate in Developmentally Appropriate Learning Environments (DALE)

__ Bachelor of Arts/Science (BA/BS)

__ MA

Educational Information:

Are you a current student (enrolled within the past year) at COCC? YES NO

Have you completed a placement test? YES NO

Have you completed advising? Advisor's name _____ YES NO

Have you completed your DALE certificate at COCC? YES NO





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Are you registered for classes for the term you are applying? YES NO

Do you need support with any of the above steps? YES NO

Are you a past PIP Scholar? YES NO

If so, have you completed your coursework with a C grade or higher? YES NO

Have you applied for FAFSA? <https://www.cocc.edu/financial-aid/> YES NO

Do you have other grants or scholarships this academic year? YES NO Not sure

If yes, please describe: _____

The following two questions are for grant statistical purposes only, and will in no way effect scholarship consideration or eligibility.

Did either of your parents graduate from college? YES NO

Do you consider yourself to have a disability or special need of any kind? YES NO

Computer Option: We currently have 18 laptops to check out to Partners in Practice Scholars each term. These are checked out on a term by term basis. Scholars are responsible for any loss or damage incurred.

Would you like an application to check out a computer for the term? YES NO

Book Option: There are many textbooks available via your class instructor, so please ensure you check that resource. We also have a limited number of textbooks available to borrow from our PIP lending library.

That being said we do have limited funds for books. Funding for books will be prioritized based on your financial need, as well as other funds you may have available to you (ie. Pell





Grant, other scholarships, and/or financial aid). If funding is available, do you need help for books?

YES NO

If awarded a PiP Scholarship, please indicate (✓) the classes for which you seek grant assistance:

__ I am applying for these specific Early Childhood Education/Education courses

__ I would like to use the grant to support classes in Early Childhood Education/Education, but I am unsure about which classes. Contact Amy Howell at ahowell@cocc.edu

__ I would like to use the grant to support classes that are not in Early Childhood Education/Education because they are required for my education related degree/certificate.

The classes I would like to take are:

1. _____
2. _____

If additional funds are available: _____

Please describe how this scholarship will support your goals for professional development and how it relates to your work in the field:





Agreements: Students who receive the Partners in Practice Scholarship will be required to maintain a C or better in their coursework to maintain eligibility in the program. Students' who drop PiP funded courses after tuition has been paid by the scholarship may lose future scholarship eligibility. Students' needing to drop courses for extenuating circumstances should notify the Partners in Practice team in writing, if they wish to receive scholarship funding in future terms. Students' completion and academic performance in PiP funded courses may impact their future financial aid eligibility as well.

Release of Information Waiver: As the Partners in Practice Scholarship Program is a partnership between Central Oregon Community College and NeighborImpact Child Care Resources, applicants understand that this application and student information such as course schedule, student ID number, and grades will be shared between the two agencies in order to administer the scholarship. Only information relevant to scholarship eligibility and grant-related reporting (e.g. SPARK participation & Oregon Registry Step) will be shared. By signing below I authorize the release of this information.

Award Notification Information: Thank you for your application! You will be notified of your award status before the start of the term, as soon as we are able. If for any reason, we are not able to cover your tuition, we will let you know in plenty of time to drop classes without any consequences. Partners in Practice is not able to determine funding until after all scholarship applications are in. We appreciate your patience with this process!

I certify that the information listed in my application is true. I agree to the release of information waiver above and commit to following the agreements set forth by the program to the best of my ability.

Full Legal Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____





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Submit your on-time application by one of the following methods. Mail: Partners in Practice NeighborImpact Child Care Resources 404 SW 7th Street Redmond, OR 97756. Scan & Email: claren@neighborimpact.org Fax: 541-548-6013, ATTN: Child Care Resources

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