

Dear Student,

Mt. Hood Community College seeks to provide the most viable educational programs for students in today's economy. On January 16, 2019, the Board of Education charged the college administration with reviewing MHCC's academic offerings to ensure that college programs meet the following goals:

- Prioritize high enrollment, high-completion academic programs, and those that are financially sustainable with business partnerships;
- Prioritize equity and access for all students, especially for the historically disadvantaged;
- Prioritize affordability for low-income students, evaluating demographics of those we serve;
- Identify non-tuition revenue, focusing on fees for non-student use of programs/facilities.

The team at MHCC engaged in a process called Academic Revitalization, which was designed to identify program growth areas and phase out areas, the goal being to maintain programs that are both viable and affordable to MHCC students. We reviewed 61 academic programs, and examined enrollment and completion data, job possibilities, occupational demand and program cost. After our analysis, we identified seven programs to phase out. On January 15, 2020, the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education voted to phase out those seven academic programs.

Besides our need to maintain viability in today's economy, these changes will help us meet \$2.8 million in cuts the college needs to make this year. We also do not want to automatically defer to increasing tuition to make up for this deficit, and believe Academic Revitalization is an informed approach to budget reduction.

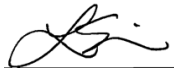
We received many questions about the path forward for those of you in these impacted programs. If you are in one of the programs listed below, know that the college is committed to supporting your academic goals.

- Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair
- Broadcasting
- Business Technology
- Cosmetology
- Environmental Health & Safety
- Practical Nursing
- Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education

What happens next? We will be holding program-specific information sessions during Winter and Spring term for students who are currently enrolled in these impacted programs to answer questions and address concerns. More information about these sessions, including specific dates and times, will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Mt. Hood Community College remains committed to providing you a solid and meaningful educational experience. I appreciate your understanding and support. If you still have questions, please send them to [academicrevitalization@mhcc.edu](mailto:academicrevitalization@mhcc.edu) for a prompt reply.

Sincerely,



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