

Participation Rates and Impact of Lane’s Community Programs and Services

Mission Fulfillment Indicator (MFI) 2 measures the rate of participation by community members in community service programs and services offered by Lane Community College and the impact of those services. Community service is a foundational value at Lane Community College; employees and the College strive to do what is right for and needed by the community. However, sufficient and systematic data gathering has not been a part of this integrated approach. To help provide a clearer picture of how Lane serves the community, the impacts of this service, and the sufficiency of these actions in fulfilling the College’s mission, community service activities have been organized into four thematic categories.

Discussion

Essential Services

As a Community College, Lane serves many high-risk populations that are often underserved by other institutions. As such, Lane leverages resources and facilities to provide basic services to support students and the community as a whole.

Arts and Culture

As part of the commitment to serve the diverse community of Lane County, the College provides opportunities for community members to benefit from enrichment and cultural awareness. The depth and breadth of Lane’s investment in the arts contributes to building a rich and diverse community and student experience.

Civic Education

Lifelong learning is a core value shared by Lane’s faculty, staff, and students. The belief in ongoing intellectual growth and civic awareness drives Lane’s commitment to providing accessible opportunities for continuing education to community members of all ages and abilities.

Economic Impact

In 2022, Lightcast/EMSI conducted a full economic analysis revealing that LCC added \$674.6 million in income to Lane County. LCC supported 8,898, which means that roughly one out of every 24 jobs in Lane County is supported by the College, students, and alumni. For additional information, please see the [Executive Summary](#) of the economic analysis report.

Lane Community College partners with a network of dedicated organizations to serve our community. These alliances allow Lane to connect students and community members in need with essential services that are beyond the scope of the College to provide while supporting job training programs and economic growth. One area of focus for such efforts in recent years is expanding access to health care and health

Essential Services	Arts and Culture	Civic Education	Economic Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Pantry ▪ Clothing Stash ▪ Egan Warming Center ▪ Dental Clinic ▪ AARP volunteer tax prep ▪ Lane County Emergency Response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rites of Passage ▪ Native American Longhouse ▪ Chinuk Wawa Program ▪ Art Gallery ▪ Performing Arts Events ▪ Artist Talks ▪ KLCC ▪ Public Murals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture series ▪ Seniors (55+) learning program ▪ Seniors (62+) free to audit credit courses ▪ Senior companion program ▪ SSS employer ▪ Adult literacy and GED prep ▪ LCC Alumni Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Free or low-cost use of LCC facilities ▪ Employee service on boards for nonprofits and government ▪ Printing/ Graphics special rates for NGOs ▪ Health Care Partnerships at Cottage Grove and Florence

care training programs in rural Lane County. The Community Health Centers of Lane County (CHCLC) and Lane Community College (LCC) are set to begin renovations that will bring a primary care clinic and career technical education programming to serve South Lane County in Cottage Grove. The Cottage Grove Center will share space with the clinic going forward, and the South Lane School District (the HS is right next door to LCC's campus in Cottage Grove) will utilize space for nursing and other health professions courses.

LCC is also collaborating with Siuslaw HS and PeaceHealth/Peace Harbor's Foundation in Florence to host a CNA 1 class. Following a successful CNA 1 cohort, LCC will run a CNA 2 cohort, largely funded and hosted by PeaceHealth at Peace Harbor Medical Center.

LCC Workforce Institute and LCC Alumni Network

The College is creating a formal system to connect local employers, students and alumni and has recently received a grant to implement Handshake, an online engagement platform, similar to LinkedIn but designed for college-aged students. The Alumni Network and Handshake will support alumni engagement, industry partnership and talent development. The LCC Workforce Institute will be the strategic hub of workforce development at LCC, and the LCC Alumni Network will be the primary communication hub for alumni relations—including alumni who are employers and industry partners. The LCC Alumni Network and Workforce Institute will be strategically integrated; initial planning for both projects is ongoing.

Peer Comparison

Like other community colleges, Lane's service district includes all of Lane County. As a result, our efforts are grounded in and tailored for our specific community, and comparisons across institutions based on similar methodologies are not possible. In other words, it is not possible to provide an "apples to apples" comparison with peer institutions for MFI 3.

Lessons Learned and Next Steps

As the College and community look to the future, there is a simultaneous increase in need for community service and challenges to the College's ability to meet these needs in a sustainable way. Partnerships and initiatives like the alumni network, health professions partnerships, and others across the College are designed to meet these exigencies. Data collected in the previous academic year indicates a desire and need for more intentional and deeper relationships between our K-12 partners, especially considering a significant teacher and school staffing shortage in Oregon. There is ample opportunity for the College to work with its K-12 partners both in terms of offering students early college experiences through High School Connections and bringing faculty and teachers together to examine our assumptions of one another in order to promote our student success. What remains clear is that Lane Community College is a vital resource for the community and will continue to be so in the future.