

Chemeketa CAMP ABSTRACT

Chemeketa Community College, located in Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley, with a main campus in Salem, Oregon proposes to provide wrap around college success support services to first year students who come from Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker families.

Chemeketa's CAMP goal is to provide the academic, personal, and financial support necessary to help 50 CAMP-eligible commuter students complete their first year of college and meet or exceed the two core objectives: Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA 1 & 2). CAMP will provide a comprehensive program, enrolling 50 students annually. In addition to the core objectives, CAMP project objectives will concentrate on intensive services during the first year and follow-up services in subsequent years, to ensure each student overcomes academic, personal, and financial obstacles to persist and ultimately graduate. The program will provide financial and academic planning and support and prepare students to advance to the second year of college and on to four-year institutions. Activities include recruiting from urban and rural schools, providing a Summer Bridge for entering students, assigning a Success Coach to each student, providing mentoring, tutoring, workshops and career exploration opportunities. Financial supports include a textbook lending library, stipends, emergency assistance and help applying for financial aid and scholarships.

The proposal addresses competitive priority 1 by describing the opportunities provided for educational and career exploration and advancement in STEM fields, particularly Computer Science. Students will have opportunities to partner with local employers to explore careers and gain work experience in STEM fields.

Expected outcomes: 86% (43+) of program participants will complete their first academic year of their postsecondary program (GPRA 1), and 92% (40+) will continue their postsecondary education after completing the first academic year of college (GPRA 2).

The project will serve 50 commuter students annually at the Salem campus. Students will also be able to take courses at the Yamhill campus and Woodburn center.