

ABSTRACT

Portland Community College (PCC) is the largest institution of higher education in Oregon, annually serving almost 70,000 students, including 7,854 Latinx students, in a 1,500-square-mile service area. PCC's High School Equivalency Program (HEP) has two sites, 1) the PCC Rock Creek Campus in Portland and 2) the Pacific University Campus in Hillsboro. PCC HEP focuses on serving all of Washington County, which has the largest migrant and seasonal farmworker (MSFW) population in the region. The PCC District is located in the northwest part of Oregon where the largest concentration of farmworkers and their families reside – 21,396 MSFWs in the region, 26% of all MSFW's in the State. Despite the great numbers of MSFWs, PCC HEP is the only HEP program in this region. Without PCC HEP, there is no access to HSE completion with support for this population.

PCC HEP will serve 58 commuter participants annually and provide a comprehensive array of services and activities, including: academic and career advising, free HSE instruction and tutoring, free GED® exams, access to a lending library, supplies, cafeteria meals, transportation stipends and childcare subsidies, a week-long hands-on computer literacy course, weekly class access to computer labs, career/academic workshops, follow-up services, and an \$800 college tuition waiver for GED® attainers. PCC HEP will address Competitive Preference Priority 1 and will implement evidence-based self-regulated learning strategies to increase student progress and achievement outcomes. PCC HEP proposes project objectives and outcomes. Targets for meeting the objectives are: Objective 1: 58 eligible participants will enroll in PCC HEP annually.

Objective 2 (GPRA 1): 69% of participants (40 students) will receive their GED® annually.

Objective 3 (GPRA 2): 80% of GED® recipients (32 students) will enter postsecondary education or training programs, upgraded employment, or the military annually.