



Phase 2: Research/Analysis to Inform Oregon's Implementation of the Modernized National Career Clusters® Framework

The Oregon Department of Education's (ODE) Office of Education Innovation and Improvement (EII) and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission's (HECC) Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD) staff assigned to the Modernized National Career Clusters® Framework started the next phase of the work in November.

The multi-phase plan, announced last month, is set to thoughtfully align Oregon's systems and programs with the modernized framework (Figure 1). For a more detailed overview of the implementation timeline see the previous update [here](#).

Current Work and Completed Tasks

- Staff initiated research projects to inform implementation scenarios for Phases 3 and 4.
- Internal deadlines were finalized to ensure clear communication with external partners.
- An interagency launch meeting was hosted to establish research teams.
- Research teams were formed and have begun assignments to assess the impacts of the new framework on existing Oregon systems. Example research topics include:
 - Flexibility in Program of Study Design
 - Teacher Credentialing and Licensing
 - Data and Reporting

Upcoming Work

Research teams will continue meeting over the next few months and will share their findings and recommendations with the joint project management team.

Ongoing Communication

ODE and HECC will provide monthly updates through the Integrated EII Monthly Communication newsletter, including timelines, engagement opportunities, summaries of completed work, answers to field questions, and resources to support local planning. In the meantime, if you have recommendations or questions regarding Oregon's Implementation Plan for the Modernized National Career Clusters® please email the work groups new shared email address: ODE.Careerclusters@ode.oregon.gov.

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