



# Oregon College and Career Readiness Research Alliance (OR CCR)



The Oregon College and Career Readiness Research Alliance (OR CCR) seeks to increase Oregon students' college and career readiness through research, policy, and practice. Alliance members from state agencies and 2- and 4-year postsecondary institutions are working to foster improved alignment between the secondary and postsecondary education systems.

## What is a research alliance?

A *research alliance* is a group of interested parties who agree to work together to learn more about specific educational concerns so that they can make sound decisions to improve outcomes. Research alliances define research questions, share data, conduct research, and use the results.

## What are the goals of the OR CCR alliance?

- Increase knowledge of research and evidence related to college and career readiness to inform institutional and statewide policy decisions
- Examine the current alignment between Oregon's secondary and postsecondary systems to identify gaps and opportunities to improve alignment
- Support student access to and success in postsecondary credit-bearing courses and career certificate programs
- Promote evidence-based programs and practices throughout the state to help educators teach diverse student populations more effectively

## Who is involved in the OR CCR alliance?

REL Northwest is partnering with representatives from the Oregon Dept. of Education, Dept. of Community College and Workforce Development, Oregon University System, Oregon Education Investment Board, and leaders from local education agencies and postsecondary institutions.

## What does the OR CCR alliance plan to do in 2013?

- Analyze data to describe how outcomes differ for Oregon students participating in developmental education courses from students not placed in such courses
- Conduct a systematic review of math and writing developmental education programs
- Develop a collaborative process for secondary and postsecondary faculty to align expectations in writing coursework
- Study access to and outcomes for Oregon students who participate in dual enrollment, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate courses among different subgroups

## How are OR CCR alliance activities supported?

With funding from the federal Institute of Education Sciences, REL Northwest provides support for conducting policy research and assists alliance members with data use, evidence-based policy development, and data-driven decision making.

## How do I find out more about the OR CCR alliance?

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