

Explore the Chemeketa Brooks Center

About Chemeketa

Founded in 1970:

Chemeketa Community College was established to provide accessible and affordable education to the residents of the Willamette Valley in Oregon. The name "Chemeketa" comes from the Chinook Native American word for "peaceful place."



BOLT

Chemeketa Mascots over the years:

In 1998, the "Chemeketa Storm" mascot, designed by Carolyn Guthrie, replaced the former "Chiefs" mascot and was unveiled after a year-long contest.

In 2019, Chemeketa introduced "Bolt," a lightning bolt-inspired mascot, to electrify school spirit and represent their athletic teams, the Chemeketa Storm! ⚡



1998 Logo

Fun Facts About Chemeketa

Chemeketa Has a Farm!

The Chemeketa Agricultural Center is a real working farm where students can learn about everything from animal husbandry to sustainable farming techniques. The farm also occasionally sells products, like fresh eggs, produce, and honey, to the public.

And an Award-Winning Winery!

Chemeketa's Eola campus in Salem, Oregon, is a key resource for wine education, offering degree programs and continuing education in all aspects of the wine industry. It houses Chemeketa Cellars, a student-run winery and tasting room where visitors can sample award-winning wines and interact with students about their studies. The center also has an event venue, with stunning views, is available for private events when not in use for educational purposes.

A Fun Tradition: "Chemeketa Rocks!"

There's a fun tradition among Chemeketa students where people hide **decorated rocks** around campus for others to find. Students paint the rocks with inspirational messages, cute designs, or funny phrases, and then hide them around the campus. If you find one, you get to keep it or re-hide it for someone else to find. It's a fun way to spread positivity and engage with the community.

Chemeketa Locations

Salem 4000 Lancaster (aka “Main Campus”)

Yamhill 288 NE Norton Lane, McMinnville

Woodburn 120 E Lincoln Street, Woodburn

Brooks 4910 Brooklake Rd, Brooks

Polk 340 Holman Avenue, Dallas

Eola 215 Doaks Ferry Road NW, Salem

Center for Business & Industry 626 High Street NE, Salem

Chemeketa Online



Ready to Get Started?

Discover a variety of career pathways available at the Chemeketa Brooks Center, designed to prepare you for hands-on, high-demand jobs. The following programs offer practical training and skills that can lead you to a successful and rewarding future career.

Chemeketa Brooks Center Career Pathways:

- Criminal Justice
- Diesel Technology
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Protection
- Building Inspection

Criminal Justice Career Pathways:

- **Criminal Justice AAS Degree**

Careers: 911 Telecommunications, case and security aides, private and public security work, investigative field work, insurance adjusting, or license inspecting

- **Corrections AAS Degree**

Careers: Corrections officer or parole and probation officer

- **Law Enforcement AAS Degree**

Careers: Police officer, sheriff's deputy, state trooper, or federal agent

Criminal Justice (continued)

The **Criminal Justice Program** is designed for students seeking a broad understanding of the criminal justice system, this six-term program offers flexibility with remote and online courses. You'll gain foundational knowledge in constitutional law, ethics, the role of the justice system, and an introduction to various career options, such as dispatching, law enforcement, corrections, and courts. This program prepares you for a wide range of opportunities within the field.

The **Corrections Program** is a seven-term program focusing on the skills needed to work in correctional facilities, including jails, prisons, and juvenile detention centers, while also introducing the role of community corrections officers in parole and probation. Meeting just two days a week, you'll explore topics such as intake and assessment, offender rehabilitation, managing caseloads, and understanding the legal system from a correctional perspective. The program includes hands-on training in real-world scenarios, such as defensive tactics, search procedures, and corrections supervision. You'll also gain practical skills in using restraints, pepper spray, and Tasers. This program is ideal for students interested in careers as corrections officers, parole and probation officers, or correctional counselors.

The **Law Enforcement Program** is a seven-term program offering a balanced approach, with 50% hands-on training and 50% classroom learning. Requiring just two days per week, it accommodates other commitments while preparing you for a career as a police officer. Practical skills include firearms handling, defensive tactics, and real-world scenarios such as traffic stops, basic arrests, and criminal investigations. You'll also gain expertise in using Tasers, deploying pepper spray, and operating drones. This program is perfect for students aspiring to become law enforcement officers, whether with a local police department, sheriff's office, or state police.

Diesel Technology Career Pathway:

- Diesel Tech AAS Degree

Career: Diesel Technician

Diesel technicians repair and maintain diesel engines and their component support systems for a variety of machines, including agricultural, construction, forestry, and earth-moving equipment, as well as semi-trucks, boats, and generators.

Diesel Technology (continued)

The Diesel Technology Program is a selective, two-year degree program preparing students for careers in agriculture, on- and off-highway industries. With only 24 seats available each fall, students gain hands-on, real-world training. Students learn to work on engines, fuel systems, hydraulics, and advanced electrical systems. Factory certifications from Daimler's Get Ahead program, Kubota NC3 certificates, and the AGCO Nextech program enhance their credentials.

Ranked 13th out of 310 diesel programs nationally in 2025, the program features state-of-the-art equipment like two 2020 Cascadia trucks, new tractors, modern engines, and state-of-the-art trainers. Support from Daimler, Kubota, and AGCO enriches the experience. Internships offer \$18–\$25 per hour, with potential roles at Freightliner or Cherriots starting at \$25 per hour and advancing to six-figure salaries in specialized positions.

Applicants must submit an essay and participate in an interview. Training includes engine rebuilding, electrical fundamentals and diagnostics, hydraulics, brakes, steering and suspension, heavy-duty powertrains, HVAC, advanced engine controls, and fuels. Courses are supplemented with resources like the Kubota Tech curriculum. With small class sizes, in-demand skills, and cutting-edge equipment, graduates earn certifications and access high-paying, stable careers. Apply early to secure your spot!

Emergency Medical Services Career Pathways:

- EMT Certificate
- Firefighter-EMT Certificate
- Paramedic Bridge Certificate
- Paramedicine AAS Degree

Careers: Licensed EMTs and Paramedics are eligible for work at ambulance companies, fire departments, police departments, hospitals, medical clinics and in the industry as on-site first responders.

EMS (continued)

Chemeketa offers a comprehensive Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program, perfect for those interested in saving lives and working in fast-paced, high-impact environments. Whether you're looking to become an EMT or advance to a Paramedic, the program offers various pathways to help you reach your goals.

The EMT Certificate can be completed in just one term with accelerated classes offered each term, or you can take the two-term option. If you're aiming for a Paramedic Program, it's a two-year commitment that can begin while you're still in high school with summer classes. After high school graduation, you'll finish the program in just one additional term. This pathway can lead to great earning potential, with EMTs making \$17–\$24 per hour and paramedics earning \$80,000–\$110,000 annually, depending on experience and location.

Whether you're working as an EMT or advancing to a Paramedic, the EMS field offers a dynamic lifestyle with high demand and great job variety. EMS professionals are urgently needed, and Chemeketa's EMS program is here to help you succeed with top-tier training, industry connections, and a clear path to a rewarding career.

Fire Protection Career Pathways:

- Fire Suppression AAS Degree

Careers: Firefighter-EMT

- Firefighter-EMT Certificate

Careers: Entry-level Firefighter-EMT

Fire Protection Career Pathways:

- **Basic Fire Prevention-Community Risk Reduction Certificate**
Careers: Fire prevention inspector, fire safety educator, fire marshal assistant, and emergency management assistant.
- **Intermediate Fire Prevention-Community Risk Reduction Certificate**
Careers: Fire prevention specialist, entry-level fire investigator, fire safety consultant, deputy fire marshal, and emergency services coordinator.
- **Fire Prevention-Community Risk Reduction AAS Degree**
Careers: Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator, Entry-level Fire Marshal, Code Enforcement Officer, Fire and Life Safety Technician, Plans Examiner, and Public Fire Educator.

Fire Protection (continued)

Fire Suppression

If you're interested in fighting fires and helping save lives, Chemeketa's Fire Suppression program is for you. In addition to classroom learning, you'll get hands-on experience working 24-hour shifts. You'll learn everything from fire behavior to emergency medical skills and operate real fire equipment. The program also offers pathways to combine your studies with Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) and Paramedic programs. Successful students will become licensed EMTs and some have the opportunity to apply for the Paramedic Bridge Certificate program. Upon graduation, you'll be ready to start your career as a firefighter.

Fire Prevention

In Chemeketa's Fire Prevention program, you'll learn how to stop fires before they start and explore exciting career opportunities in both public and private sectors. This accredited program prepares you through hands-on training, classroom work, and real-world field experience. You'll study fire inspection, risk reduction, criminal investigations, and how to communicate fire safety effectively. As a graduate, you can work as a fire investigator, fire prevention specialist, or in fire service education, helping keep communities safe.

Building Inspection Technology Career Pathway:

- **Building Inspection Tech
AAS Degree**

Careers: Permit Technician, Building Official, Building Inspector, Plans Examiner, or Specialty Inspector.

- **Certificate Programs (Non-Credit)**

- Permit Technician (Fall term)
- Residential Inspector (Winter/Spring terms)
- Residential Plan Review (Winter/Spring terms)

Building Inspection Technology

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Building Inspection Tech AAS Degree

The two-year (seven-term) degree program is designed for individuals interested in careers as building inspectors or plans examiners in residential and commercial construction. Employment opportunities depend on experience and certifications, and there is a strong demand for certified professionals in both public and private sectors. The curriculum includes technical courses on building codes, plan review, inspection techniques, and construction materials, complemented by general education courses in mathematics, communication, and public relations. Students are encouraged to attend professional educational conferences for code professionals, which may involve additional costs. Graduates may be eligible for vouchers covering some certification exams, while others may require additional payment. Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) is a required component of the program, allowing students to gain valuable hands-on experience while earning college credit.

Building Inspection Technology (continued)

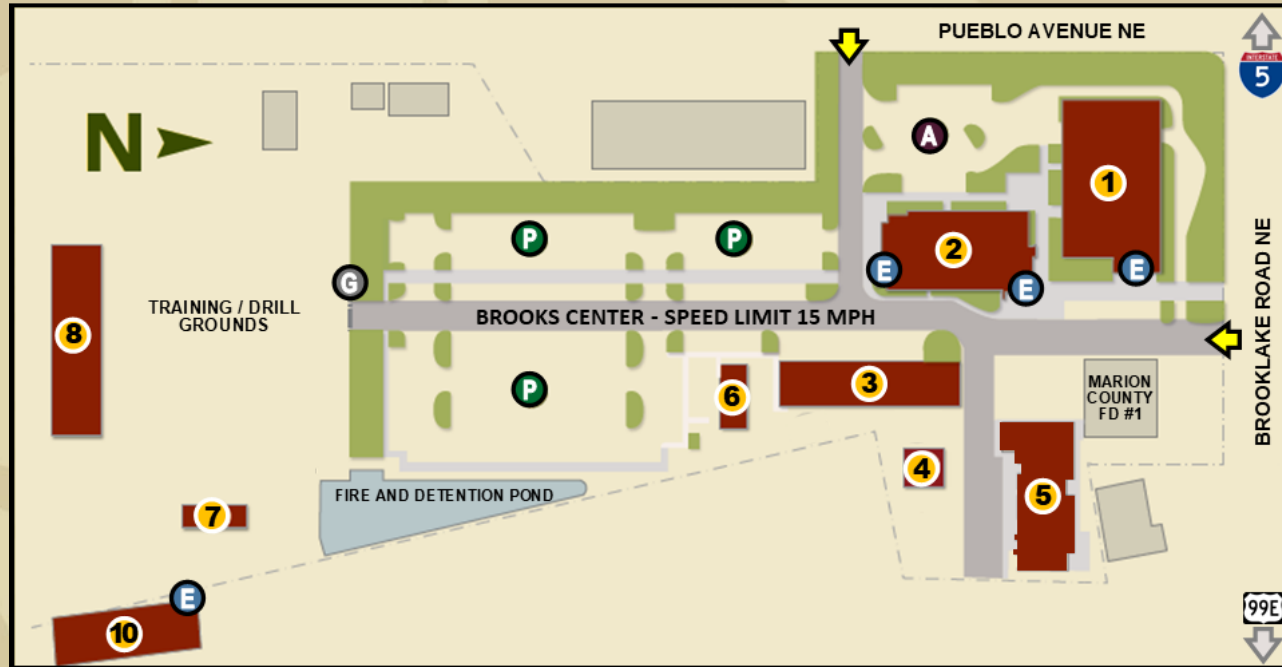
Permit Technician Certificate Prepares students for careers in building departments, construction firms, and planning offices by providing essential knowledge of permit processing, building codes, and zoning regulations. Students will learn how to review applications, assist the public, and ensure compliance with local and state requirements. This certificate is ideal for those seeking entry-level positions in permitting or looking to enhance their skills in the construction and regulatory industries.

Residential Plan Review Certificate Equips students with the skills needed to assess residential construction plans for code compliance. Students will learn to interpret blueprints, apply building codes, and ensure structural, zoning, and safety regulations are met. This certificate is ideal for those pursuing careers in building departments, construction, or code enforcement, providing a strong foundation in residential plan evaluation.

Residential Inspector Certificate Prepares students for careers in building inspection by providing essential knowledge of residential construction, building codes, and safety regulations. Students will learn how to inspect structures for compliance with local and state codes, ensuring quality and safety in home construction. This certificate is ideal for those seeking entry-level positions in code enforcement, construction oversight, or building departments. Estimated Cost: \$3,100 Note: For employment purposes, it is recommended that students, in addition to earning the certificate, pass the ICC M1 Residential Mechanical Inspector exam and the B1 Residential Building Inspector exam, as well as obtain Bluebeam certification.

Note: These certificate non-credit classes are for personal enrichment or professional development and do not count toward degree programs. Courses are non-transferable and may not be eligible for academic credit at other institutions. Financial aid is not available for non-credit courses. Certificate programs are not eligible for exam vouchers; students are fully responsible for the cost.







Brooks Center



BUILDINGS

- 1 Regional Training Center
- 2 Classrooms
- 3 Logistics
- 4 Rescue Tower
- 5 Fire Station Auxiliary
- 6 Tactical Scenario
- 7 Burn Tower
- 8 Equipment
- 10 Diesel Technology

MAP KEY

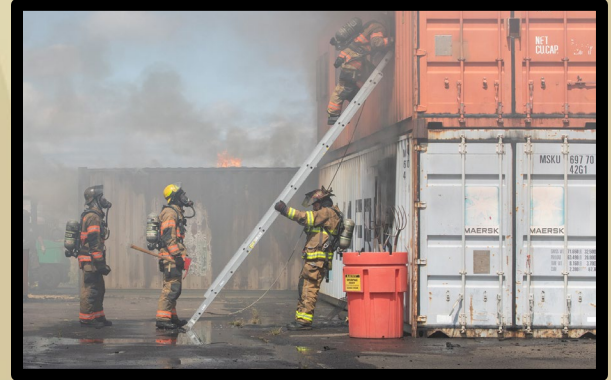
-  Campus Buildings
-  Campus Entrance
-  Agency Parking
-  Building Entrance
-  Security Gate
-  Parking

Brooks Regional Training Center

Our amenities not only support the educational programs at Brooks but are also available for rent to agencies and organizations.

- Educational classrooms
- Indoor demonstration arena
- Driving course
- Burn tower
- Technical tower
- Confined space rescue maze
- Flashover training prop
- Garden T prop
- Rail tank car
- Car fire prop
- LPG props
- Ventilation roof prop
- Drafting pond
- Mobile home

The Training/Drill Grounds serve as specialized training areas where students gain practical, hands-on experience in simulated scenarios. These controlled environments often include burn buildings, vehicle extrication zones, mock crime scenes, and training facilities for tactical and investigative exercises. They allow students to practice critical skills such as fire suppression, search and rescue, advanced medical care, arrest techniques, and crime scene processing under realistic conditions. By integrating classroom learning with practical application, drill grounds prepare students for the physical, technical, and analytical demands of real-world emergencies and law enforcement situations.



Burn Tower



Garden T Prop



Flashover Prop



Rail Car Prop



Car Fire Prop



Tactical Tower



The Arena / NTN CPAT and ORPAT

Three of the Chemeketa programs utilize the arena for physical fitness testing: Fire Suppression, CORE (Corrections) and LERE (Law Enforcement).

CPAT (Fire Suppression)

- Stair climb
- Hose drag
- Equipment carry
- Rescue drags
- Ceiling breach and pull
- Ladder raise and extension

ORPAT (Law Enforcement)

- Lifting and carrying
- Pushing and pulling
- Coordination and balance
- Endurance activities

**Now that you've explored the
programs and campus,
here are the next steps to
become a student at Chemeketa.**

Applying for Admission

1. Complete an Admissions Application at join.chemeketa.edu/register/apply
The process can take up to 10 business days to receive your admission email.
Note: Fire Program students – apply for summer term.
2. Set up your MyChemeketa account
3. Explore ways to pay for college
Financial Aid (FASFA), Grants, Loans, Oregon Promise, Scholarships, and Work Study.
Chemeketa also has resources for DACA and undocumented students.
4. Complete Placement Assessment Form....THIS IS NOT A TEST!
This process can take up to 10 business days to get your results.
5. New Student Orientation – In-person or Online
6. First Term Advising – Sign up through Navigate
7. Register for classes
8. Arrange for payment

Need help or have questions? Visit: www.chemeketa.edu/admission

When to Apply: Limited Enrollment Programs

Many of the programs at Brooks are limited enrollment and cohort based, which means selected students go through the program together.

Law Enforcement and Corrections – Open: January /// Close: August

Diesel Technology – Open: January /// Close: May

Paramedic Degree and Bridge Certificate – Open: November /// Close: May

Fire Suppression – Summer term, selection process is completed through a non-credit class

Fire Prevention – Open: January /// Close: August

Building Inspection – Open: February /// Close: August

Discover

Chemeketa

Community College



Open Enrollment Programs with Minimum Qualifications

Criminal Justice Degree: Upon entry into this program, students will be required to pass a criminal background check and pass a ten-panel drug screening urinalysis conducted by a college-approved vendor.

EMT Courses: Upon entry into the program, students will be required to pass a criminal background check and drug screening conducted by the college.

Completion of high school or equivalent

Must be 18 years old before clinical experience and licensing

Students must place into WR 080 (or higher), and MTH 052 (or higher)

All students must submit proof of immunization for chickenpox, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, Hepatitis B, Covid and negative tuberculosis (TB) test.

Note: At this time, for Covid vaccinations, students may sign a declination if they chose/choose not to receive the vaccination.

Chemeketa Resources

Need help getting connected to
Chemeketa and community resources?

The Chemeketa Resources
Representative can help!

go.chemeketa.edu/resources

Financial Support • Hygiene • Food Pantry • Housing
Internet and Utilities • Child Care • Health and Safety
Mental and Emotional Health • Immigrant Resources
Community Engagement • Employment • Pet/Animal Care



Brooks Center-Contact Info

Location: 4910 Brooklake Rd NE, Brooks OR 97305

Email: brooks@chemeketa.edu

Phone: 503.584.5163

Website: go.chemeketa.edu/brooks

Program Websites

Criminal Justice: go.chemeketa.edu/criminaljustice

Diesel Technology: go.chemeketa.edu/diesel

Emergency Medical Services: go.chemeketa.edu/ems

Fire Protection: go.chemeketa.edu/fire

Building Inspection: go.chemeketa.edu/buildinginspection

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Chemeketa Community College prohibits unlawful discrimination based on the following:

- Race
- National Origin
- Disability
- Gender
- Pregnancy
- Domestic Abuse Victim
- Protected Hairstyle (CROWN Act)
- Victims of Domestic Violence (Sexual Assault, Stalking, and/or Harassment)
- Color
- Sex
- Protected Veteran Status
- Gender Identity/Expression
- Whistleblowing
- Expunged Juvenile Record
- Political Affiliation or Belief
- Religion
- Marital Status
- Age
- Sexual Orientation
- Genetic Information
- Injured Workers
- Tobacco Use During Work Hours

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Or any other status protected by federal, state, or local law in any area, activity or operation of the College. The College also prohibits retaliation against an individual for engaging in activity protected under this policy, and interfering with the individual's rights or privileges granted under federal, state or local laws.

Under College policies, equal opportunity for employment, admission, and participation in the College's programs, services, and activities will be extended to all persons, and the College will promote equal opportunity and treatment through application of its policies and other College efforts designed for that purpose.

For concerns, inquires or complaints regarding disability accessibility and accommodations contact:

Section 504/ADA Coordinator

Karen Alexander, Director, Student Accessibility and Testing Services

503.399.5276

Persons having questions or concerns about Title IX, which includes gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence, gender based violence, and stalking, contact the Title IX coordinator, Jon Mathis at 503-584-7323, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, OR 97305, or <http://go.chemeketa.edu/titleix>.

All persons having questions or concerns related to Equal Employment Opportunity or Affirmative Action should contact the Affirmative Action Officer at 503.315.4586, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem OR 97305.

Individuals may also contact the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), 810 3rd Avenue #750, Seattle, WA 98104, 206.607.1600.

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