

5130 – Financial Aid

A program of financial aid to students will be provided, which may include, but is not limited to, scholarships, grants, loans, and work and employment programs.

All financial aid programs will adhere to guidelines, procedures and standards issued by the funding agency, and will incorporate federal, state, and other applicable regulatory requirements.

The Vice President of Student Services shall establish, publicize, and apply satisfactory academic progress standards for participants in Title IV student aid programs.

Misrepresentation

Consistent with the applicable federal regulations for federal financial aid, Columbia Gorge Community College shall not engage in “substantial misrepresentation” of:

- 1) the nature of its educational program,
- 2) the nature of its financial charges, or
- 3) the employability of its graduates.

The President shall establish procedures for regularly reviewing the College’s website and other informational materials for accuracy and completeness and for training Columbia Gorge Community College employees and vendors providing educational programs, marketing, advertising, recruiting, or admission services concerning the College’s educational programs, financial charges, and employment of graduates to assure compliance with this policy.

The President shall establish procedures wherein the Columbia Gorge Community College shall periodically monitor employees’ and vendors’ communications with prospective students and members of the public and take corrective action where needed.

This policy does not create a private cause of action against the College or any of its representatives or service providers. Columbia Gorge Community College and its Board of Education do not waive any defenses or governmental immunities by enacting this policy.

Legal Reference(s):

1. 20 U.S. Code Sections 1070 et seq.;
2. 34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 668 (U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended);
3. NWCCU Standards 2.D.5, 2.D.8, and 2.D.9

4. ORS 348.015 to 348.017 (Third party financial firms)