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Employment Department and WorkSource Oregon Participate in Pilot Program to Spur Higher Wage Jobs

Nov. 1, 2021 (Salem, OR) — The Oregon Employment Department and WorkSource Oregon are excited to participate in a pilot program to increase opportunities for people to learn skills needed for higher paying jobs. Oregon is one of five states participating in this pilot, which launches today, Nov. 1, 2021.

The “Grow with Google” program helps ensure that the opportunities created by technology are available to everyone. The goal is to help people get the right skills for the jobs they want so they may advance their careers. The training is designed for individuals with no relevant experience looking to enter the technology field.

This program is open to employed and unemployed Oregon residents. To participate, individuals need to complete an [iMatchSkills®](#) profile and visit their local [WorkSource center](#) (in person or virtually) to access the scholarships available for training. The training is self-paced and can take three to six months to complete.

“All industries need workers with these four information technology certifications. Any of these certificates could help people obtain an in-demand career and connect them with top employers currently hiring, starting at an average of \$63,600 annual salary for entry-level roles across certificate fields.” said Adalberto Rubio, a business analyst in Workforce Operations.

“We are excited to join Arizona, Connecticut, Nevada, and Washington in this unique partnership.”

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