University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Pathways Program

Connecting Rural Students with Mentors, Peers, and Healthcare Careers



7-month program for high school students

$3,600 total stipend

One-on-one professional mentorship

Pathways is a 7-month program for high school students (ages 16+) living in rural communities in eligible Oregon counties. From April to October 2027, students will explore healthcare and disability related careers through mentorship, hands-on learning, and a summer internship.

Program Highlights

- Matched with a healthcare professional mentor
- Attend a kickoff event in Klamath Falls
- Complete an 8-week paid summer internship (June 14-Aug. 6, 2027)
- Participate in career exploration, leadership, and professional development activities
- Visit the OHSU Portland campus for graduation and tours
- Attend the Oregon Rural Health Conference

Program Benefits

- $3,600 total stipend
- One-on-one mentorship
- Real-world healthcare experience
- Professional networking opportunities
- Technology support for virtual participation
- Transportation, lodging, and registration costs covered for required program events

Application period:
Nov. 9, 2026-Jan. 3, 2027

Visit our webpage for more about the Pathways Program:
www.ohsu.edu/pathwaysprogram