

Pacific University

Founded as Tualatin Academy in 1849 by Congregational pioneers, Pacific University is Forest Grove's shining star — a renowned liberal arts college sitting on 55 well-tended acres in downtown. The educational institution that arose from one determined wagon-train survivor's sheer tenacity today enrolls more than 2,800 full-time students from 30 states and 28 foreign countries, and employs more than 500 full-time faculty and staff.

Given the university's century and a half of influence, it is not surprising that the surrounding community shares many of the same core values: to provide a positive and healthy environment for growth and success, whether personal, educational or professional.

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"We consider Forest Grove the best of many worlds," says Pacific University President Phillip Creighton. "Our students and staff benefit from the refreshing small-town environment, but still have easy access to the vibrant metropolitan life and additional learning opportunities offered by nearby Portland."

In fact, Pacific now has facilities in Portland and nearby Hillsboro that support academic and clinical programs of several of its colleges. "Those facilities allow us to offer

state-of-the-art training, which is particularly valuable in health professions where cutting-edge technology is a vital part of treatment," notes Creighton. Multiple modes of transportation — including frequent local bus service that connects to Portland light rail service — provide easy access to these facilities.

Besides proximity to advanced learning opportunities, students (and their parents) and faculty members often find the university's location attractive for several other reasons, among them the relative safety of a small city with a low crime rate, friendly local businesses that employ students, and a strong communications system (including cell phone service and high-speed internet) that enables students to keep in touch with mom and dad. Close access to some of the region's best recreation opportunities — whether snowboarding on Mt. Hood, windsurfing on the Columbia River or surfboarding in the Pacific Ocean — is also a plus for students and staff.

Just as important as what the city offers the university is what the university offers the city. Pacific University's local influence reaches far beyond its downtown acreage through student and faculty participation in numerous service projects — a continuation of its founding philosophy as a private institution in public service. "We believe in giving back to the community that has nurtured us all these years," says Creighton, "and we will continue our enthusiastic role in making Forest Grove a superior place."



A place where businesses and families thrive.

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At a glance

Consistently recognized as one of America's best colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*, Pacific University is a private liberal arts institution with professional programs in education and seven health professions. Students can choose from 52 undergraduate majors in the College of Arts and Sciences and pursue doctorates in optometry, professional psychology, pharmacy and physical therapy, and master's degrees in occupational therapy, physician assistant studies and education.

Small classes give students high-quality interaction with faculty members, who augment their curricula with service projects, internships and other "real-life" community involvement opportunities — part of the university's goal to prepare students for service to a changing community, nation and world.

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