

Forest Grove.

Pacific University.



By 1854 a new charter had been granted, establishing "Tualatin Academy and Pacific University." Congregational missionaries were key leaders in the establishment and growth of the University, and that legacy is still regarded as an important influence.

Oregon's Pacific University is the oldest chartered university in the West. Today, Pacific is a comprehensive liberal arts and healthcare university with 3,200 graduate and undergraduate students attending classes at the original campus adjoining Historic Downtown Forest Grove.

In addition to the outstanding courses, there are many reasons to visit the campus. You can applaud a dance performance, learn about the work of a local artist, listen to world-famous musicians, cheer on a college football or soccer team, attend a stimulating public lecture, enjoy the fun and spectacle of the annual Luau, reflect on the past at the university museum, or unlock new ideas at a conference or seminar.

Pacific University is a destination in its own right.



In 2004, the College of Health Professions was formed; consolidating all the health programs except for the College of Optometry under one umbrella.



In 1846, a remarkable 66-year-old widow completed a rugged trip west with her family to live in the Oregon Territory. Tabitha Moffatt Brown arrived in Oregon, but not before undergoing much hardship.

At one point on the journey by wagon train, she was left alone on the trail in the bitter cold with her ailing 77-year-old brother-in-law. She pulled them through, despite being near starvation, and they reached the Willamette Valley on Christmas Day.

Brown, the Rev. Harvey Clark and his wife Emeline, concerned for the welfare of the many orphans in the area, made arrangements for using a local meetinghouse in Forest Grove, as a school, which became known as the Orphan Asylum school.

By 1848, Mrs. Brown was "house-mother" to the students there and had become a driving force behind the school.

Today, as an independent university, Pacific continues to maintain ties with the United Church of Christ Council for Higher Education. The University supports religious pluralism, and is committed to instilling a sense of values and ethics, compassion, caring and conscience in both students and programs.

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