

Oregon Council of Computer Chairs
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To Whom It May Concern:

As the current chair of the Oregon Council of Computer Chairs (OCCC), I too would like to voice my strong support for the proposed Associate of Science Transfer degree in Computer Science (AS/OT-CS). I am excited to be part of the team that will implement this much-needed program via this statewide transfer degree.

I would also like to voice the unanimous support of the entire council for the degree as well. At our last meeting, a voice vote indicated that all attending members were in support of the degree. OCCC already manages the statewide common course numbering for CS/CIS for Oregon's community colleges, and manages the list of CS/CIS courses that count as non-lab science classes for the AAOT.

Once the AS/OT-CS is adopted, OCCC will manage shared guides for core CS course descriptions and outcomes, and manage regular (at least annually) updates to the elective block advising guides for each university's lower-division CS requirements that are in addition to the core CS requirements. OCCC will also maintain a listing of member schools that offer courses online to help with access for smaller/rural community colleges.

Further, the Umpqua Community College (UCC) is in the process of creating its own AS/OT-CS using the September 2014 draft as our guide and expects to begin offering the degree the Fall 2015 college year.

We support the creation of this degree because it supports employment in a high-wage, high-growth field that will additionally provide graduates with employment that offers good benefits and an excellent quality of life in a growing, challenging field.

Best regards,

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