



Asante and our education partnerships

Driving education, job creation and the health care workforce of the future



Our post-secondary education partners

Did you know that Asante fosters and supports multiple educational partnerships with academic institutions across the region? These partnerships are vital to keeping the community healthy and the local economy sustainable. Academic partnerships lead job seekers to fulfilling careers in our community. Health care positions are a primary pillar supporting southern Oregon employment, with one in five people in the Rogue Valley employed in the health care and social assistance sector, representing more than 19,000 jobs.¹



The health care workforce is growing

The number of jobs in health care is expected to go up! By 2034, the health care and social assistance industry is expected to grow by 13%.² This represents the potential for more than 40,000 new jobs in the Beaver State. **During times of economic uncertainty, these are promising statistics for future members of the workforce and for the economy.**



Supporting the education pipeline

The following are some of our partners:

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)

Asante and OHSU teamed up for one of the first rural residency programs in the state. This partnership has been incredibly successful in helping fill the provider gap, bringing talented physicians to southern Oregon every year!

Southern Oregon University (SOU) and OHSU

The OHSU School of Nursing is located on the campus of SOU and offers an accredited pathway to nursing careers for SOU and RCC students. Asante works closely with this program on preceptorships, helping advance nursing education in the Rogue Valley.

Rogue Community College (RCC)

Asante serves as a clinical site for RCC's nursing programs. In addition, the nursing adjunct program allows our nurses who are interested in teaching to work as secondary nursing instructors at equal pay.

Oregon Institute of Technology

OIT and Asante have long enjoyed an enduring partnership, working in collaboration to recruit for imaging and nursing roles.

Western University

Beginning this summer, third and fourth year medical students will begin rotations at our facilities. These students will do rotations in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Internal Medicine, Primary Care and Psychiatry, with both Asante and independent physicians in our region.

Pharmacy Post-Graduate Year One (PGY-1) program

Asante's PGY-1 program brings students from all over the country to Asante for real-world experience at Rogue Regional Medical Center and Three Rivers Medical Center. This program helps build a solid foundation for these students, many of whom choose to stay with Asante to continue their careers.

Other partnerships: Washington University, Boise State, University of Oregon, and more!³



Sources: 1. Oregon Employment Department, "Rogue Valley Health Care Data." QualityInfo.org
2. Lynn Wallis, "Health Care Jobs Now and Into the Future," Oregon Employment Department, (February 24, 2026).
3. IMPACT.Asante.org/supporting-the-education-pipeline for a list.

As we strengthen and develop these critical partnerships, our unified efforts support opportunities for education, empower community members for success and drive local economic prosperity.