



## Project Specialist (CCR&R TA)

<b>Recruitment #:</b>	S2611
<b>Review Date:</b>	Open   Open until filled
<b>Department:</b>	The Research Institute
<b>Salary Rate:</b>	\$68,200 - \$79,500

### About Western Oregon University:

Western Oregon University is a regional public, mid-sized university – committed to changing lives, strengthening communities and transforming our world. Located in Monmouth, the heart of Oregon’s lush Willamette Valley, WOU is about 20 minutes from Salem, the state’s capital and about 75 minutes from Portland, the state’s cultural hub.

Western is one of Oregon’s oldest public institutions of higher education and was incorporated into the state system as a teacher training institution in 1882. The university offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in arts and sciences, education and professional areas. It’s known for small class sizes, a focus on sustainability and a diverse liberal arts education in a student-centered environment. Western is an emerging Hispanic Serving institution, with over 40% of undergraduates being students of color.

### Position Summary:

#### Project Specialist:

Project Specialists participate as members of a collaborative team working on a variety of projects within the TRI’s Center on Workforce and System Development. Project Specialists provide a continuum of services and products across the early learning system in Oregon. The Center on Workforce and System Development engages in Early Learning and/or Youth Development at the state level which requires a specialized knowledge and skills as well as an ability to navigate change, emergent needs and the expectations of system work. Project Specialists are expected to use culturally responsive, innovative best practices across a variety of duties including; program and process development, systems collaboration, change and alignment, program assessment and observation, system communications, leadership and facilitation, and training and technical assistance. TRI staff are expected to engage in continual learning in anti-racism, equity, diversity, inclusion and outreach in order to cultivate equitable practices across all aspects of position duties and participate and engage in efforts to further develop and implement the center, projects and university’s equity work and goals.

#### Project Specialists:

- Work collaboratively in a team environment.
- Facilitate, participate in and contribute to project meetings, seminars, workshops and other gatherings as needed
- Provide technical assistance and professional development activities for Oregon’s Early Learning system
- Gain and maintain a working knowledge of Oregon’s early learning system and initiatives and gaining knowledge and applying learned skills to interrupt systemic oppression and lead project staff on challenging bias and supporting diversity, equity and inclusion

- Effectively communicate with a wide variety of individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds

### **Child Care Resource and Referral Technical Assistance Specialist (CCR&R TA)**

CCR&R TA Specialists support 15 regional CCR&R across Oregon by providing technical support to support the mission of CCR&Rs. CCR&R TA Specialists work closely with regions to develop professional development and technical assistance plans to support their work while developing relationships with staff. CCR&R TA specialists navigate the early learning system by understanding the key roles and responsibilities of systems partners to support early learning professionals and programs in Oregon. Some key Early Learning System partners are Oregon Department of Human Services, Inclusive Partners, 211info, Office of Child Care and Oregon Center for Career Development.

Bilingual staff may be asked to use both languages across all duties and activities as needed. Bilingual staff will provide translation and interpretation in a culturally responsive manner as needed for this position.

**This position is funded through external grant support. Employment beyond the current funding period is not guaranteed and will depend on the availability of future funding and ongoing performance.**

[Click here](#) for the complete position description which includes knowledge areas and preferred qualifications.

**Required Qualifications:** Please ensure your application materials clearly demonstrate how you meet the following:

- Bachelor's degree or a combination of education and experience equivalent to a bachelor's degree
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with Spanish-speaking individuals and families
- 1-2 years of professional experience in childhood care and education (birth to age 12), including areas such as home visiting, state or federal government programs, CCR&R, human and social services, assessment work, or child care licensing
- 1-2 years of professional experience in early childhood education or a related field
- 1-2 years of experience in the development of curriculum, training materials, written manuals, and/or publications.

### **How to Apply:**

To apply for this position, please upload the following required materials within the application portal.

Applications missing any of the required documents will not move forward for consideration. Please include only the materials listed below:

1. WOU Employment Application form [available here](#) - unclassified/faculty
2. Cover Letter that outlines your qualifications and how they align with the position

3. Resume/CV
4. Unofficial transcripts for your highest degree earned
5. Complete and submit the Reference Check form, [available here](#) along with your application

### **Background/Education Check:**

A criminal background check will be completed as a condition of employment. Education checks are processed for positions requiring a formal degree as a minimum requirement.

### **Benefits:**

Western Oregon University offers an excellent benefits package for eligible employees which includes 95% premium paid healthcare, a generous retirement and vacation package, and reduced tuition rates for employee, spouse or dependent at any of the Oregon Public Universities.

<http://www.wou.edu/hr/benefits/>

### **Equal Employment Opportunity:**

Western Oregon University is an equal opportunity employer. We do not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. We embrace our differences, and know that our diverse team is a strength that drives our success.

### **Accommodation Requests:**

Western Oregon University is committed to developing a barrier-free recruitment process and work environment. If you would like to request disability-related accommodation(s) to participate in a WOU activity or event, please complete the [online request form](#) at least three (3) business days in advance. If you have questions, contact Desiree Noah at [noahd@wou.edu](mailto:noahd@wou.edu).

### **Veterans Preference**

Applicants are eligible to use Veterans' Preference when applying with Western Oregon University in accordance with ORS 408.225, 408.230 and 408.235; and OAR 105-040-0010 and 105-040-0015. Preference will be given only if the applicant meets the minimum criteria of the position and electronically attach the required documentation at the time of application. For information regarding Veterans' Preference qualifications, visit <http://www.oregonjobs.org/DAS/STJOBS/vetpoints.shtml>

*To stay informed about the progress of this search, we invite and encourage you to explore our career page at [wou.edu/hr/employment/jobs/](http://wou.edu/hr/employment/jobs/). Unfortunately, due to the volume, it is challenging for us to offer individual updates on the status of each application, and for that, we sincerely regret any inconvenience. We thank you for your patience and interest in employment at Western Oregon University.*