

The Shasta Promise

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THE PROMISE:

Every student in Shasta County will graduate prepared for education beyond high school. Those students who complete minimum college preparatory or community college transfer requirements will receive guaranteed admission from all of the institutions of higher education listed herein. The expressed goal of **The Shasta Promise** is to allow every student to earn career technical certificates, transfer to a four-year college or university, and/or have the ability to achieve an advanced degree.

BACKGROUND:

The Shasta County education community has a responsibility to prepare its young people for successful careers and productive lives. In today's world, our regional economy is tied to the global economy. To prepare our young people for success, we must offer nothing less than an exceptional education. Each student deserves an opportunity to earn certification and/or a college degree. The *Shasta Promise* ensures that all students who meet the enrollment criteria of the five partner colleges and universities will be provided this opportunity. The future of the North State depends upon our effectiveness in developing a well-educated workforce to sustain and advance the economy of the cities and surrounding region.

The *Shasta Promise* is an initiative of REACH HIGHER Shasta, a local collaborative movement, reaching higher with both expectations and action, to ensure all Shasta County students achieve success beyond high school. REACH HIGHER Shasta reaches all segments of our community and includes the following organizations as our current partners:

- All 25 school districts in Shasta County
- California State University, Chico
- College OPTIONS
- First 5 Shasta
- Shasta College
- Shasta County Office of Education
- Shasta County Public Health
- Simpson University
- The McConnell Foundation
- University of California, Davis

REACH HIGHER Shasta has embarked on a journey to help ensure our students are ready for the challenges of the 21st century work force. Our mission is: "All Shasta County students will receive an education that successfully prepares them, without remediation, for multiple postsecondary options with a focus on high skill, high wage employment." As an initiative of REACH HIGHER Shasta, The *Shasta Promise* is a commitment among the following institutions to make higher education an attainable goal for every student in Shasta County:

- REACH HIGHER Shasta
- California State University, Chico
- College of the Siskiyous
- National University
- Shasta College
- Simpson University
- Southern Oregon University

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GOALS OF THE SHASTA PROMISE:

To meet this challenge, we commit to the following goals:

- Provide exceptional education from preschool to graduate school that prepares Shasta County students for successful engagement in the global knowledge economy;
- Increase the percentage of Shasta County students who are prepared for and attend college directly from high school;
- Increase the percentage of Shasta College and College of the Siskiyous students who earn degrees and/or career and technical certificates;
- Increase the percentage of Shasta College and College of the Siskiyous students who graduate with an associate degree or technical certificate;
- Increase the percentage of Shasta College and College of the Siskiyous students who successfully transfer to California State University, Chico; Southern Oregon University; National University; Simpson University or another four-year institution; and
- Increase the percentage of Shasta County students who graduate from California State University, Chico; Southern Oregon University; National University; Simpson University or another four-year institution with a bachelor's degree and/or advanced degrees.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

1. *We promise to provide information, services and resources to help Shasta County students and their families prepare for college.*

REACH HIGHER Shasta, promises to support the schools in preparing students for higher education by:

- Supporting professional development of Shasta County K-12 educators through curriculum, instruction and Common Core implementation
- Providing information about college opportunities and the value of a college education
- Providing college preparatory services, campus visits, and college application assistance
- Providing financial aid application assistance
- Supporting the development of a college-going culture in elementary, middle and high schools

2. *We promise to help students successfully transition to and succeed in college and to provide opportunities in career and technical education.*

REACH HIGHER Shasta, promises to prepare students for postsecondary education in a global, technological world and decrease college remediation rates by:

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- Working collaboratively amongst all partners to implement the goals and strategies of REACH HIGHER Shasta and the *Shasta Promise*
- Making A-G the default requirements for graduation
- Increasing the rigor of the senior year
- Providing access to instructors for assistance outside of scheduled class time

Shasta College and **College of the Siskiyous** promise that all students from Shasta County will be provided the opportunity to earn an associate degree, technical certificate, or successfully transfer to a four-year institution by:

- Offering guaranteed enrollment and priority to receive classes needed to graduate in 2 years for students who do not have to be remediated
- Working closely with local high schools to identify multiple measures to determine placement
- Providing active assistance for students to learn about and apply for college financial aid
- Ensuring all students who have an intent to transfer to a four-year school are enrolled in a transfer program that provides the ongoing assistance and monitoring
- Offering vocational training, technical education and certification in numerous fields
- Providing active assistance for students to learn about opportunities for transfer to California State University, Chico; Southern Oregon University; National University; Simpson University or another four-year university
- Providing active assistance to students in completing requirements and applying for transfer to a four-year university

3. *We promise to provide the opportunity to earn a bachelor's or advanced degree to all Shasta County, Shasta College and College of the Siskiyous students who successfully prepare for college.*



California State University, Chico; Southern Oregon University; National University and Simpson University promise:

- All Shasta County high school students who successfully complete minimum college preparatory requirements will be offered admission and have an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree
- All Shasta College students who successfully complete minimum community college transfer requirements will be offered admission and have an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree
- All Shasta County students attending Southern Oregon University will be charged in-state tuition
- To work closely with local high schools to identify multiple measures to determine placement
- To provide active assistance to students to learn about and apply for college financial aid
- To provide active assistance to students in transitioning from high school or community college and succeeding at California State University, Chico; Southern Oregon University; National University and Simpson University
- To provide active assistance to students in preparing for careers and graduate school

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4. We promise to work together to deliver these promises for the young people and families of Shasta County.

REACH HIGHER Shasta, Shasta College, College of the Siskiyous, California State University, Chico, Southern Oregon University, National University and Simpson University will work together on all of the activities that comprise the *Shasta Promise*. We will work together to support and encourage success for all students from preschool to graduate school. We will work together to reduce remediation. Collectively, we recommend high school students follow the University of California's A-G curriculum to include four-years of college preparatory math. We will work together to provide, assess, improve and expand high quality, world-class educational opportunities in Shasta County.

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SCHOOL SPECIFICATIONS:

Southern Oregon University (SOU)

SOU offers you the opportunity to attend an out-of-state university at in-state tuition rates. We promise to provide the resources and class availability for students to graduate within four years.

When the following requirements are met, students from Shasta County will be admitted to Southern Oregon University:

FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN:

Minimum Requirements

Applicants must satisfactorily complete 15 units of college preparatory subjects with a "C-" or better in the following:

4 years	English
3 years	math – Through Algebra 2
3 years	social science
3 years	Science – includes 2 years of laboratory sciences
2 years	language other than English (the same language)

Middle 50% of Students Admitted to SOU

GPA: 2.91 to 3.57

SAT (math + critical reading): 910 to 1120

ACT (composite): 19 to 25

Steps to Admission - apply.sou.edu

1. Apply for admission before February 15th for priority admission and scholarship consideration
2. Submit official high school transcripts
3. Submit official SAT or ACT test scores
4. Submit supporting documents (*optional*)

TRANSFER STUDENTS:

Minimum Requirements

Applicants must satisfactorily complete at least 24 semester credits of college level course work with a GPA of 2.25 to be considered for transfer status at Southern Oregon University.

At SOU, we take a holistic approach to reviewing admission files. The admission decision is not necessarily based off of minimums; applicants are assessed based on the full range of their academic and personal achievements.

sou.edu - 800-482-7672 xt.6411 - admissions@sou.edu

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National University

Since 1971, National University has been dedicated to making lifelong learning opportunities accessible, challenging, and relevant to a diverse student population. Today, that dedication has resulted in National University becoming the second-largest private, nonprofit institution of higher education in California and 12th largest in the United States. Based in San Diego and located in Redding since 1999, National University offers a wide range of educational opportunities that will help students earn their associate's, bachelor's, master's degree, and/or teaching credential.

Upon completion of the following requirements, students from Shasta County will receive guaranteed admissions to National University:

Freshman Applicant Requirements:

- Applicants will present graduate verification from a regionally accredited high school.
- Applicants will have a minimum high school grade point average of 2.0 or better.
- Non-regionally accredited high school applicants will petition the Committee on the Application of Standards for admission approval.
- Home School Applicants will meet the National University catalog enrollment requirements.

College Transfer Applicant Requirements:

- Applicants transferring from regionally accredited colleges and universities with 90 transferrable credits/quarter units (60 semester credits/units) are admitted as degree students if their cumulative grade point average from all schools is 2.0 (C) or better.
- Applicants who have completed fewer than 90 quarter credits/units (60 semester credits/units) of transferable college credit (remedial-level, pass/fail, and repeat courses are nontransferable) must have graduated from high school with a minimum grade point average of 2.0, passed a high school-level G.E.D. test (standard score for each section must be at least 410 with an overall score of 450), or received a Certificate of Proficiency from a State Department of Education to be accepted.
- Applicants with a cumulative grade point average below 2.0 may be admitted on probationary status if the Committee on the Application of Standards (CAS) determines there is sufficient evidence of potential to complete college studies.
- All applicants must present preliminary evidence of prior education at the required interview with an admissions advisor. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
- All applicants to the University must also:
 - Complete an application for admission
 - Execute an enrollment agreement
 - Pay a nonrefundable application fee of \$60
- Note: If the University determines that a student does not meet stated admissions requirements, his/her studies will be interrupted. The Committee on the Application of Standards must approve any exceptions to the above admissions requirements before the applicant can be accepted for admission to the University.

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College of the Siskiyous

Admissions Requirements

The five steps of the “Shasta Promise” program are:

- 1) Submit an electronic College of the Siskiyous application, including a declared program of study.
- 2) Take the COMPASS English, reading and math assessments.
- 3) Attend an SOAR session (Siskiyous Orientation, Advising & Registration).
- 4) Submit a copy of high school transcripts to document graduation.
- 5) Register for coursework via Navigator on assigned registration date.

Responsibilities of College of the Siskiyous Joint Community College District will:

- Disseminate accurate and timely information to “Shasta Promise” cohort students.
- Provide Academic and Career Counseling services to assist “Shasta Promise” cohort students in course selection and educational planning.
- Collaborate with the local area high schools and Shasta County high schools to promote 2+2 articulation agreements.
- Review this agreement annually and adjust as appropriate. Any changes to the agreement will be forwarded to the “Shasta Promise” high school participants in a timely manner.

Responsibility of the Student

Tri-County area high school students shall:

- Know and understand the requirements for acceptance to College of the Siskiyous.
- Review this agreement and understand the intended purpose of the “Shasta Promise.”
- Contact College of the Siskiyous and inform them of their intent to participate in the “Shasta Promise” program.
- Fully participate and complete all steps of the “Shasta Promise” program.

Effective Date

This agreement will be reviewed/updated annually and will remain in effect until terminated by written notice by either party.

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Simpson University

Simpson University is a Christian university that has called Redding, CA home for over 20 years. During our existence, Simpson University has expanded from a Bible Institute founded in Seattle, WA in 1921, to a university of liberal arts and professional majors such as Business, Psychology, Education and our newest program of study, Nursing. Simpson University also offers an adult degree completion program (ASPIRE), Masters level programs in Education and Psychology, and the A.W. Tozer Theological Seminary.

Applying for Admission to the Undergraduate Program

Applicants should do the following:

1. Complete an application online and submit a one-time, nonrefundable application fee (simpsonu.edu/apply). A reference for a Spiritual Recommendation will be chosen during the online application process and may be submitted online or by paper.
2. Submit official transcripts of all high school credits, showing date of graduation.
3. Submit official transcripts of all previous college-level work (as applicable).
4. Submit SAT I or ACT scores, unless the applicant has already completed 24 semester credits of satisfactory college-level work.

In some cases, a success essay and/or academic reference form will need to be submitted. A personal interview may be required as a final step in the admission process.

First-time freshman standard admission: 4.0 GPA to a minimum 2.75 (B-) GPA (unweighted), and a 1000 SAT score (composite: critical reading and math sections only) or 21 ACT (composite).

Transfer standard admissions: 4.0 GPA to a minimum 2.5 (C+) GPA for all transferable credits.

For fewer than 24 credits, the requirement is a 2.50 college minimum GPA and a 1000 SAT (combined critical reading and math sections) or 21 ACT (composite).

Prospective Biology and Nursing majors must have a minimum 3.2 unweighted high school GPA, 530 Math SAT and 410 Critical Reading SAT, or 20 Math ACT and 16 English ACT for standard admission review.

Simpson University is committed to enrolling students each semester. Below are the deadlines we recommend following:

Deadlines for Fall Enrollment

Early Action – December 1
CalGrant Deadline – March 2
Commitment Deadline – May 1
Application Deadline – August 1

Deadline for Spring Enrollment

Application Deadline – December 1

Financial Aid

In addition to the Pell Grant, Stafford Loans and PLUS Loans provided through the FAFSA, Simpson University also offers a variety of scholarships to help students meet their financial needs. A strong high school GPA and SAT or ACT test scores ensures a better financial aid award package

Come visit Simpson University! Preview Weekends are offered in October and March; or if you want a more personalized visit experience, fill out the Individualized Visit Form at www.simpsonu.edu/visit, or give us a call at 1-888-9SIMPSON.

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Shasta College

Shasta Promise Agreement between the Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District and the Shasta, Tehama & Trinity Counties Public Area High Schools

Consistent with its institutional mission as an accessible community college, and in recognition of the valuable contribution our regions high schools make in providing a quality education that prepares students for higher learning, Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District enters into this guaranteed enrollment agreement with the local public high schools in Shasta, Tehama and Trinity counties.

Admissions Requirements

Students from high schools in the tri-county region will be guaranteed enrollment in at least 12 units of coursework leading toward attainment of a degree or certificate if the following conditions are met:

- Seniors who are in good standing at their tri-county public high school and are scheduled to graduate on time.
- Student must successfully complete the “Shasta Promise” steps during the spring of their senior year. The five steps of the “Shasta Promise” program are:
 - 1) Submit an electronic Shasta College application, including a declared program of study.
 - 2) Take English and math assessments for Shasta College.
 - 3) Attend a “Shasta Promise” orientation, which includes counseling services.
 - 4) Bring an unofficial copy of high school transcripts to the orientation.
 - 5) Register for coursework via MyShasta on assigned registration date.
- Student must register on the assigned date set by the Admissions and Records Office.

Responsibilities of Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District

Shasta College will:

- Disseminate accurate and timely information to the local area high schools regarding the “Shasta Promise.”
- Provide Academic and Career Counseling services to assist local area high school students in course selection and educational planning.
- Collaborate with the local area high schools to promote articulation agreements.
- Review this agreement annually and adjust as appropriate. Any changes to the agreement will be forwarded to the local area high schools in a timely manner.

Responsibility of the Student

Tri-County area high school students shall:

- Know and understand the requirements for acceptance to Shasta College.
- Review this agreement and understand the intended purpose of the “Shasta Promise.”
- Contact Shasta College and inform them of their intent to participate in the “Shasta Promise” program.
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California State University, Chico (CSU,Chico)

When the following requirements are met, students from Shasta County will receive guaranteed admissions to CSU, Chico as follows:

First-time Freshmen *:

1. Apply during the Priority Filing Period (Oct. 1-Nov. 30 for entry the following fall). Application fee waivers are available for income eligible students and can be requested at the time of application.
2. Complete at least 15 semesters of "A-G" Requirements which must include –

4 years English

3 years mathematics
(algebra, geometry, algebra 2; sometimes referred to as intermediate algebra)

2 years social science
(including one year of US history **or** one semester of US history **and** one semester of US government)

2 years science with a laboratory
(one life science and one physical science)

2 years language other than English
(the same language)

1 year visual and performing arts
(one single **yearlong** course)

1 year college preparatory elective

Above courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better and be listed as college preparatory on the school's [UC A-G list](#). All coursework must be completed prior to graduation from high school.

3. Take an SAT Reasoning or ACT exam no later than December of the senior year and submit those scores to Chico. For other potential testing requirements visit:
<http://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/earlystart.shtml>
4. Earn an eligibility index of at least 2900 using SAT scores or 694 using ACT scores. For complete information visit: www.csuchico.edu/admissions/want-to-apply/freshmen/eligibility.shtml.
5. Submit final, official transcripts showing date of graduation.

Upper Division Transfers *:

Local admission area upper-division applicants must meet the following requirements (summer or intersession work completed during the term immediately prior to enrollment cannot be used for eligibility):

- Complete at least **60 transferable semester units** (90 quarter units)
- Complete at least 30 semester units of general education with a C or better. The 30 units **must include all of the general education requirements in communication (oral communication, English composition, critical thinking), and one course in college-level mathematics (course after intermediate algebra.)**
- Have a cumulative transferable grade point average of at least **2.0 or better** in college course work.
- Be in **good academic standing** at the last institution attended.

Local admission area is defined as 30 or more transferable units from one or more of the following community colleges: Butte College, College of the Siskiyous, Feather River College, Lassen College, Shasta College, or Yuba College.

* Note: additional criteria will be applied for any majors designated as impacted.