

## RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

### COVID-19 Final Report for Addictions Studies and Human Services at Central Oregon Community College (RHIP)

#### “Addiction Studies Scholarship 2020-2021”

Reviewed by the Address Poverty and Behavioral Health Workgroups



#### Summary of Results:

- The COVID scholarship three students received funding.
- All three students were pursuing their education to work as Substance Abuse Counselors in Central Oregon.
- One student is a single parent of two young children and was challenged to balance her own school, teaching/supporting her children while they were home schooled due to COVID and working part-time cleaning homes.
- Another student had recently been laid off from her job as a Dental Assistant as well as a recent divorce. She returned to school after 30-plus years in the workforce to pursue her dream of helping people.
- The third student had received her BA and was returning to pursue education specifically in Addiction since during her time working with high-risk youth she noticed the common theme of addiction, either in the youth or their families.

#### Quotes:

“I am extremely grateful for this award. I am pursuing a passion of mine to help others in their battle with drug and alcohol addiction. Being an alcoholic myself, I have great empathy for those in this struggle.”

“I am working toward a career as a CADC. I will pursue a career in a field and profession about which I am passionate. I plan to use this opportunity to continue with my education so that I can return the favor by giving back to the community. Thank you for helping me in pursuing a dream and giving back to the community!”