

# ABOUT LINFIELD UNIVERSITY

Linfield was one of the first colleges in the Pacific Northwest. The college traces its roots to an institution established by the Baptists in 1849 in Oregon City. The school moved to McMinnville and was chartered by the Oregon Territorial Legislature as Baptist College at McMinnville in 1858. The name was later shortened to McMinnville College. In 1922, the name was changed again when Frances Ross Linfield donated several real estate holdings to the school. In honor of the gift, the college renamed itself after her late husband, the Rev. George Fisher Linfield.

In 2020, Linfield College became Linfield University, with a College of Arts and Science, School of Business and School of Nursing. At an unprecedented time of change in higher education, Linfield continues to grow strategically to serve the needs of its students, today and in the decades to come.

While Linfield's name and structure have evolved, a Linfield education remains unchanging. Linfield is a private university that provides integrated education in the liberal arts and sciences and in selected professional disciplines. Linfield connects academic programs with experiential learning opportunities. It is nationally recognized for its strong teaching faculty, outstanding educational programs and distinctive international emphasis. Linfield educates students to become global citizens, with nearly half of all graduates participating in study-abroad opportunities.

Linfield enrolls approximately 2,000 students and offers more than 50 majors through its three locations: a residential campus in McMinnville; a Portland campus, home to the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing; and through its Online and Continuing Education program, a pioneer in online education. Linfield has been accredited continuously since receiving initial accreditation in 1928.

The uncommon experiences that make up a Linfield education – the unique learning opportunities, understanding of new cultures and perspectives and exploration of passions – continue to thrive and grow, as they have done in many ways over Linfield's 162-year history:

- Linfield's student-faculty ratio of 11:1 allows for a rich experiential education that fosters curiosity and discovery through internships, community service, study abroad and collaborative research in the sciences, humanities and arts. Recent collaborative research projects covered subjects in the sciences, political science, psychology, sociology and theatre.
- The Linfield Online and Continuing Education (OCE) program began as a face-to-face program in 1975, with eight sites in Oregon and southwest Washington providing working adults access to higher education. During the 1990s, Linfield gradually transitioned these programs to an online format. Today, OCE offers 10 majors, six minors and 19 certificate programs fully online.
- In 1976, Linfield began a student exchange program with Kanto Gakuin University in Japan. Today, students also study abroad in Australia, Austria, Chile, China (Beijing and Hong Kong), Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Norway and Spain. In addition, January Term typically offers classes at a variety of domestic and international locations.
- After a 30-year hiatus, graduate programs were restarted in 2019 with an English to Speakers of Other Languages endorsement program in the Department of Education. Linfield now offers a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Master of Science in business (M.S.), Master

of Science in sports science and analytics (M.S.) and a special education generalist graduate-level endorsement.

- Linfield's Portland campus was established in 1982, when the college entered into an affiliation with Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center and began offering a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Today, Linfield's nursing program is one of the largest, and best known, in the state. Linfield opened its doors to a new location in northeast Portland in February 2021. The new campus boasts 20 acres and 700% more simulation suites.
- With its flagship campus in the heart of wine country, Linfield has a strong partnership with the local wine industry. The Evenstad Center for Wine Education opened in 2018; Linfield has hosted the International Pinot Noir Celebration since 1987; and the Oregon Wine History Archive was founded at the college in 2011. The center prepares future leaders of the wine industry through programs and activities that include a wine studies major and minor, internships and international exchanges. In 2019, Linfield began a partnership with Ecole Supérieure d'Agriculture (ESA) in Angers, France, which allows students to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree as part of a five-year program.
- The Linfield Wildcats compete in the NCAA Division III Northwest Conference, with 40% of Linfield students participating in athletics. Men's varsity sports include football, cross country, soccer, basketball, swimming, baseball, indoor and outdoor track and field, tennis and golf. Women's varsity sports include cross country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, swimming, softball, indoor and outdoor track and field, tennis, golf and lacrosse. Through the 2019-20 academic year, Linfield has enjoyed 64 consecutive winning seasons in football, a national record at all levels of intercollegiate competition. The athletic teams have won a combined nine national team championships in football (4), baseball (3), and softball (2), as well as 23 individual national titles in track and field (15) and swimming (9). Linfield has also won 194 team championships in the Northwest Conference.

While Linfield has changed significantly since it was established in 1858, its purpose has remained constant – to teach students in an atmosphere of academic freedom that fosters intellectual rigor, creativity and a sense of personal and social responsibility.