Alcohol and Drug Counseling Program
African American AAS Student Scholarship

A collaboration between the State of Oregon Department of Addictions and Mental Health, Multnomah County Community Health Department and Portland Community College was formed to address the limited numbers of African American counselors in the treatment community. The scholarship program is designed to encourage African American students to continue their pursuits of higher education and increase capacity of African American counselors.

To ensure success for each student who receives scholarships, there are specific activities required. Each student is expected to work closely with the various Portland Community College faculties, academic advisors, staff, programs and available resources when appropriate. Through this process it’s our intent to provide the best opportunity for academic success and preparation for students planning a career working in integrated health care and substance abuse treatment.

Students are required to:

• be accepted into the A&D program
• self-identify as African American
• complete an application for the scholarship program and be in good academic standing at the time your application is submitted.

Requirements after acceptance:

• meet with AD program advisor to develop roadmap of course work
• meet with the project coordinator to develop a plan for success
• attend project support meetings on the second and fourth Friday each month for the duration of program
• meet consistently with an academic mentor throughout the main course work if GPA falls below 2.5
• meet monthly with an addiction counselor mentor while in practicum.

It’s important to note all activities listed above are required to receive the scholarship. There are no exceptions. Students are approved each term to receive scholarship dollars. If a student fails to complete any and all of the required activities outlined above he/she will not receive scholarship funding the following term.

For more information, or to receive a copy of the application please contact Amanda Gallo at healthca@pcc.edu or 971.722.5667