



Participatory Learning Experience (PLE)

Public Programs Division

The museum is looking for motivated undergraduate students to participate in its Public Programs Participatory Learning Experience (PLE) program starting fall term 2023. A select group of students will earn one (1) credit/term and have in-depth exposure to museum’s public programs and the natural and cultural history of Oregon. Students are trained to interpret in the exhibit hall, guide tour groups, and assist with special programs and events. This is a great opportunity for students interested in the museum field, interpretation, and informal education.

The museum is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Training sessions occur on four Sunday afternoons from October 1-22.

REQUIREMENTS

- Commit to at least **two terms** at 1 credit/term (35 hours/term). The hours include trainings, meetings, exhibit hall shifts, exhibit Walk & Talks (guided tours), and/or helping with special events.

Item	Hours
Training Sessions (4 sessions x 3 hours each, first term only)	12
Meetings / Feedback / Evaluation	3
Any combination of exhibit hall interpreter shifts, special events, Walk & Talks, and additional trainings when available	20
TOTAL required hours	35

- Attend the PLE orientation meeting on **Sunday, October 1, 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.**
- Attend all training sessions on **Sundays, October 1 through 22, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**
- Participate in a feedback session, scheduled individually.
- Attend the midterm meeting on **TBD**.
- Attend ongoing training sessions for new exhibits.
- Submit a final evaluation on **Thursday, December 7, by 12:00 noon**

GRADING

Grades will be based on attendance (50%), participation/engagement (30%), and conduct (20%).

TO APPLY

Complete the online application at mnch.uoregon.edu/form/ple-application. Deadline to apply is Tuesday, September 26. Students will be accepted on an interview basis. Space is limited.

QUESTIONS? Contact Mia Jackson at miaj@uoregon.edu or 541-346-5019.