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RCC announces $3.95M renovation to expand allied health training in the Rogue Valley

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GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Rogue Community College is set to celebrate the grand opening of the newly renovated building that will expand allied health training opportunities in the Rogue Valley.

The E Building, located on the Redwood Campus, has undergone a $3.95 million remodel and will offer healthcare training programs, many that were previously offered exclusively at the Table Rock Campus in White City.

"This renovation brings new opportunities for students in Josephine County to prepare for in-demand careers in the healthcare field," said Dave Koehler, RCC provost and vice president of Student Learning & Success.

Beginning this fall, the Redwood campus will offer training in dental assisting, medical assisting, nursing assistant and phlebotomy.

Formerly known as the Elk Building, the E Building now has completely new electrical, plumbing, HVAC and mechanical systems. The renovation also includes ADA improvements such as a new sidewalk and ramp.

Funding for the project primarily comes from congressional appropriations amounting to $3.615 million. This funding was secured with the support of U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden.

“We are honored to have this project included in the bill’s strategic investments to help Oregonians build economic resiliency and healthier communities,” said RCC President Randy Weber. “We are deeply grateful to Senators Merkley and Wyden for championing this investment in healthcare education for our region.”

The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. on Aug. 26 outside of the E Building on the west side of the Student Center. Following the ceremony, guests are invited to explore the building and meet instructors until 2 p.m. The closes parking to the E Building is near the Rogue Auditorium. Attendees can take the college's east entrance off Redwood Highway onto Demaray Drive and then follow College Drive to the end.

Open house events will also be hosted at the Riverside Campus and the Table Rock Campus. Details on those open houses can be found here.