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Penn State’s Outreach and Online Education (OOE) unit seeks to live out the University’s land grant mission in the 21st century by creating transformative opportunities for learning—online, in the workplace, in our communities, and in the outdoors. Devoted to transforming education and lives through the promotion of lifelong learning, student and community engagement, and economic development, OOE provides faculty and students with a diverse portfolio of ways to connect with communities across the state and around the world.

The unit includes Penn State World Campus, Penn State’s online campus that serves over 18,000 students studying at a distance; the Penn State Small Business Development Center; the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute; WPSU; Shaver’s Creek Environmental Center; Conferences and Institutes; the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia Centers that focus on faculty-community connections in urban areas; and much more. Through these multifaceted education and outreach channels OOE can deliver evidence-based learning, foster new discoveries, and facilitate engagement opportunities that help translate cutting edge research into real-world impact in the lives of those we serve.