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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
APPROVAL OF THE LESS THAN ONE-YEAR
CERTIFICATE IN ARBORICULTURE FOR PORTLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: The proposed Less Than One-Year Certificate in Arboriculture is designed to prepare individuals for entry-level and supervisory employment in the landscape industry. The 12-credit certificate includes industry specific coursework such as soils, tree biology, insects and disease, equipment operation, climbing, rigging, safety, and cooperative education. Except for the new course, Arborist Tree Climbing, all other courses are currently offered, and are required of other certificates and degrees. This certificate prepares students with the skills and knowledge to apply for a license from Oregon Construction Contractors Board (OCCB) and certification by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). The Landscape Technology Advisory Committee recommended the development of the entry-level certificate because employers have a need for better-trained employees.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the Less Than One-Year Certificate in Arboriculture for Portland Community College.