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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
APPROVAL OF THE LESS THAN ONE-YEAR CAREER
PATHWAY CERTIFICATE IN CTE EDUCATOR FOR
PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: The proposed Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate in CTE Educator is designed to prepare students who wish to work at the secondary level in public schools or at the post-secondary level in Career Technical Education (CTE). This 19-credit certificate would allow those who have a clear pathway to follow towards teaching in a CTE subject area in the K-12 or post-secondary systems. While there is no licensing at the post-secondary level, there are many industry professionals at this level who want and need such coursework to complement their industry expertise and strengthen their teaching skills. Over the last several years, there has been a renewed focus on the recruitment and development of trained CTE teachers both nationally and locally, with a clear recognition that recruitment for CTE professions needs to start earlier at the high school level. CTE teachers provide training in subjects such as medical professions, healthcare, auto repair, engineering, and culinary arts.

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