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

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REPORT: The proposed Less Than One-Year Certificate in Paraprofessional Educator is designed to prepare students for the profession of Paraprofessional for K-12 education. This 32-credit certificate would prepare future educators more rapidly for a non-certified paraprofessional position in K-12 schools. This certificate helps draw non-traditional students to the teacher pathway, helping ultimately to diversify the teacher workforce in Oregon. Paraprofessional educators often work with the hardest to serve K-12 students. This certificate replaces the current 51-credit Paraeducator One-Year Certificate, thereby allowing students to complete this important coursework in less time.

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