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APPLY TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION
COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF
THE DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE
DEGREE FOR PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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STRATEGIC THEME: Workforce: Respond to community and workforce needs by developing a culture of agility

REPORT: The proposed Dental Hygiene AAS Degree is designed to prepare students who wish to work in the field of dentistry. This 106-credit degree represents a large transformational change from the current curriculum, aimed at providing students with a more comprehensive and up-to-date education, and better prepare them for their careers in dental hygiene. They will gain a broader skill set, adaptability, cultural competency, and experience.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the Dental Hygiene AAS Degree for Portland Community College.