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APPLY TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION
COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF
THE ASSOCIATE ADDICTION COUNSELOR 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 97-credit Associate Addiction Counselor AAS degree is designed to prepare students for entry-level work in the mental health and human services workforce. Because these changes constitute a greater than 30% departure of the current degree, it needs to go through the full approval process. These curricular changes are a result of extensive listening sessions, surveys, employment data, and interviews with industry leaders across the Portland-Metro area.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the Associate Addiction Counselor AAS degree for Portland Community College.