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APPLY TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING
COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
ENTREPRENEURSHIP & SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
CERTIFICATE FOR PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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STRATEGIC THEME: Academic Excellence: Student Success, Delivery, and Programming; Community Engagement: Workforce, Education, and Industry Alignment

REPORT: The proposed 45 credit Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development certificate is designed for those interested in entrepreneurship, intrapreneurship and business development. The need for this certificate was identified after extensive research and input from our advisory board. Students will graduate with a wide range of skills, including accounting, leadership, law, and knowledge of available funding and support resources.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development certificate for Portland Community College.