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AUTHORITY TO APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATE
OF APPLIED SCIENCE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION: EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT

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REPORT: The proposed degree and certificate will allow students to pursue a career in Emergency Management. Historically, those typically responsible for emergency management for governmental agencies, corporations, school districts, and other entities, have been given the responsibility as a portion of their job descriptions, often because they may have some experience in the areas of firefighting or criminal justice. There is an emerging nationwide effort to provide focused training in the areas of disaster response, crisis management, disaster preparedness, designing of emergency plans and procedures, and directing emergency response situations. Due to the varied and increased threats to our society and safety, emergency managers are now expected to have a broader range of knowledge about how to handle threats such as natural disasters, technological threats and terrorism in its many forms in every level of government and in the private sector. The knowledge base required for emergency managers includes history of hazards of mitigation, disaster and recovery operations, emergency planning, communications, problem solving, leadership, and management.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for an Associate of Applied Science degree and certificate of completion in Emergency Management.