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AUTHORITY TO APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION: MEDICAL
RESONANCE IMAGING

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REPORT:

The Medical Resonance Imaging Certificate will allow students to pursue a career as a Medical Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technician. This certificate is intended for those who already have a degree. Historically, MRI technicians have been trained on-the-job, but due to time constraints imaging departments are having difficulty training potential technicians adequately. In recent years, there has been a 38% increase in the number of diagnostic imaging centers, with the highest ratio of centers per capita on the west coast. Given population growth, the aging workforce, increase in prevalence of chronic disease, and the use of imaging for early detection, this number is expected to grow. Since there is only one program in Bellevue, WA, OHSU has invited PCC to partner in developing a certificate program to train individuals to prepare for the certification exams and become MRI technicians.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for a Certificate of Completion: Medical Resonance Technician.