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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATE: GERONTOLOGY:
CAREER PATHWAY CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION:
HORTICULTURAL THERAPY FOR PORTLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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FINANCIAL
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REPORT: The proposed certificate in Gerontology: Horticultural
Therapy is a Career Pathway Certificate of Completion
for the existing AAS in Gerontology. The certificate
prepares individuals to work within an interdisciplinary
team to provide therapeutic horticulture programming in
activity programs for pediatric, geriatric, psychiatric,
offender, vocational, and medical rehabilitation in day
and residential care and treatment facilities. The
certificate is designed to enhance the skills of current
occupational, physical, and recreational therapists and
assistants and will qualify students for employment in
restorative, rehabilitative, and therapeutic gardens.

Students who successfully complete the certificate and
have a Bachelor's degree may take additional credits in
human sciences and horticultural courses to meet the
eligibility requirements for national certification of
Horticultural Therapist Registered (HTR).

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application
to the Oregon State Board of Education: Certificate:
Gerontology: Career Pathway Certificate of Completion:
Horticultural Therapy for Portland Community College.