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09-107 APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATE: RESTORATIVE
DENTAL HYGIENE CERTIFICATE FOR PORTLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: The proposed program is a "Business and Industry"
certificate, which was developed by the PCC Dental
Hygiene department for employees of Kaiser
Permanente. The certificate may be made available to
other providers in the future. Kaiser has requested that
Portland Community College provide additional training
for a cohort of employees to prepare them for licensure in
restorative dental functions. Restorative function
licensure was approved for the State of Oregon in 2007.
The PCC Dental Hygiene department has developed
curriculum to provide students with the knowledge and
skills to successfully complete board examination and
apply for state licensure. The curriculum was approved
by the Oregon Board of Dentistry in June, 2008.

Beginning in fall 2010, the cohort will enroll in the current
PCC AAS in Dental Hygiene program. Students in the
cohort will earn both the AAS in Dental Hygiene and the
certificate in Restorative Dental Hygiene. The cohort will
be financially administered separately through the PCC
Contract Education Department and Kaiser, but will be
delivered through the Dental Hygiene department.
Courses will be scheduled to allow Kaiser students to
work 20 hours/week as required by Kaiser for cohort
membership. It is the hope of the Dental Hygiene

Department that future offerings of this certificate will be available for open enrollment.

RECOMMENDATION: That the college be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for approval of the certificate: Restorative Dental Hygiene Certificate for Portland Community College.