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10-036 APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED
SCIENCE IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS:
HEALTH INFORMATICS FOR PORTLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: The proposed Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems: Health Informatics is a statewide degree which will be offered entirely online. PCC is the lead school for the statewide consortium. The objective of the degree is to ensure common outcomes throughout Oregon colleges. The Health Informatics Associate of Applied Science degree is a cross-disciplinary program which includes courses in computer information systems, health information management, business, medical terminology, biology, and general education. Health informatics is a relatively new field in health care that has employment growth potential.

RECOMMENDATION: That the college be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for an Associate of Applied Science degree in Health Informatics for Portland Community College.