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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) FOR PORTLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: The proposed certificate in Geographic Information
Systems (GIS) includes courses in geography, biology,
environmental science, horticulture and geology. All
coursework is lower division collegiate and is transferable
to Oregon University System schools. GIS is used by
federal, state, and local governmental agencies and non-
profits and there is an employment demand for
individuals with a background in GIS.

RECOMMENDATION: That the college be authorized to submit an application to
the Oregon State Board of Education for a Certificate in
Geographic Information Systems for Portland Community
College.