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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR  
APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED  
SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF ZOO  
ANIMALS FOR PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: The proposed Associate of Applied Science degree in  
Biology and Management of Zoo Animals prepares  
individuals to be a zoo keeper. This program responds to  
a regional and national need for zoo keepers and it is  
only the third program west of the Mississippi River. The  
108 credit program, developed in collaboration with an  
advisory committee, meets the academic standards of  
the national zoo accrediting body, the American Zoo and  
Aquarium Association and it provides twenty-four credits  
of internship. Internship training sites are provided by the  
Oregon Zoo and the Oregon National Primate Research  
Center. Labor market indicators identify this as a growth  
field, which offers good living wages, benefits and options  
for growth within a career ladder. Upon completion of the  
degree graduates may transfer to universities that have  
existing articulation agreements with some of the existing  
programs.

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 Biology and the  
Management of Zoo Animals for Portland Community  
College.