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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR  
APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN FOR  
PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: The proposed Certificate in Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) is designed for currently licensed Oregon EMTs. The target for this certificate is EMTs serving in rural areas where communities have limited access to paramedics. The certificate is one of several within the EMT specialization area. The scope of care AEMTs provide is narrower than that of paramedics in that cannot provide advanced airway management or provide emergency cardiac life support. Yet, in order to provide a higher level of care than standard EMTs AEMTs must have a greater depth and breadth of knowledge in human anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology, as well as more acute reasoning skills. Upon completion of the 20-credit certificate, completers must pass the National Registry of EMT: Advanced EMT cognitive and psychomotor examinations to be eligible for state licensure and certification. Development of the certificate was based upon a recommendation from the EMT Advisory Committee specifically, emergency service agencies from Washington County and Columbia County.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for the Certificate in Advanced Emergency Medical Technician for Portland Community College.