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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
APPROVAL OF THE WIRE WELDING (CUSTOMIZED)
LESS THAN ONE-YEAR CAREER PATHWAY
CERTIFICATE

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REPORT: The proposed Wire Welding (Customized) Less Than One-Year Certificate serves the local welding industry and is designed for employed individuals who want to develop specific skills preparing them for specialization and ongoing employability. This is one of six specialized certificates in the Welding Department and prepares individuals for welding mild steel and aluminum. Wire welding is a very common type of welding process used in the manufacture and repair of equipment and tools in various industries. Upon completion and certification, individuals will be prepared to repair and fabricate rail cars, ships, barges, and structural steel. Local employers include Gunderson Inc., Vigor Industrial, Fought, and Canon. Completion of this 12-credit certificate provides a benchmark as students work toward their Welding AAS.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for the Wire Welding (Customized) Less Than One-Year Certificate for Portland Community College.