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APPLY TO THE OREGON STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL OF GERONTOLOGY
ADVOCACY LESS THAN ONE-YEAR CAREER
PATHWAY CERTIFICATE

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REPORT: The proposed certificate, Gerontology Advocacy Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate, is designed to advance the knowledge and skills of caregivers, aging services professionals, and family members who support and advocate for older persons. Advocacy is an emerging specialty within the field of gerontology. There is evidence of the need for comprehensive professional training to provide supports for the older person. The certificate provides a career development pathway for direct care workers, social service professionals, and fiduciary and financial services professionals. All courses in the career pathway certificate are contained in the Gerontology AAS so that students have the option of continuing their education by earning several career pathway certificates and the Gerontology AAS if they desire.

RECOMMENDATION: That the college be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for a Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate of Completion in Gerontology Advocacy for Portland Community College.