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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
APPROVAL OF THE ACTIVITY PROFESSIONAL LESS THAN
ONE-YEAR CAREER PATHWAY CERTIFICATE FOR
PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: This proposed Activity Professional Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate allows students to pursue State-approved credentials that are shorter. The 30-credit certificate will enhance the skills of and provide career opportunities for individuals providing care in long-term care, assisted living facilities, and community-based centers. Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to design and implement comprehensive, person-centered activity plans within a wellness program to enhance the quality of life of diverse groups of older persons or persons with disabilities at all cognitive and physical functioning levels in long-term care, daycare and community settings. The new certificate is aligned with the standards and requirements set forth by the National Association of Activity Professionals' Credentialing Center (NAAPCC). Employment in the elder assisted living and long-term care sector of healthcare continues to expand as baby-boomers reach retirement and beyond. All courses in the Activity Professional Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate are wholly contained within the Gerontology AAS so that students can pursue their education at PCC and grow within the elder healthcare industry. The Activity Professional Certificate has been reviewed and approved by the Gerontology Industry Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the Activity Professional Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate for Portland Community College.