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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
APPROVAL OF THE ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE IN
DEAF CULTURAL STUDIES FOR PORTLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: The proposed One-Year Certificate in Deaf Cultural Studies is designed for students pursuing work with Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing individuals or whose chosen field may serve these populations. This 46-credit certificate provides a solid foundation for working with this underserved population by offering courses in advanced American Sign Language, linguistics, intercultural communication, and ethical decision making. This certificate would enhance any student's or professional's skill set, particularly in the following fields: education, social services, business, government, medical, mental health, early childhood education, and emergency services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the One-Year Certificate in Deaf Cultural Studies for Portland Community College.