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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATE IN LACTATION
EDUCATION FOR PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: The proposed Certificate in Lactation Education prepares students to become an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC). The 13-credit certificate is designed for healthcare providers who have completed their supervised clinical practice while on the job. The short-term certificate provides the lactation specific education (9 credits), required to take the IBCLC certification exam. At the completion of their coursework students can take the IBCLC certification exam and will be prepared for employment in health care institutions, private practice and public health settings assisting new mothers and infants. The development of this certificate is a collaboration between CLIMB, Center for Advancement and Health faculty.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for the Certificate in Lactation Education for Portland Community College