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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR  
APPROVAL OF THE LESS THAN ONE-YEAR CAREER  
PATHWAY CERTIFICATE IN LANDSCAPE  
TECHNOLOGY ENTRY LEVEL FOR PORTLAND  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: The proposed Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate in Landscape Technology Entry-Level is for individuals preparing for entry-level employment in the landscape industry. The 17-credit certificate includes industry specific coursework such as math/computation for landscapers, sustainable landscaping and plant identification, establishment and maintenance. All courses are currently offered, as they are required of other certificates and degrees. The career pathway certificate is the first rung in a student's career ladder, supporting their advancement from maintenance worker to crew lead/foreman to landscape manager/designer/owner. To pursue their career growth students will need to continue their education by pursuing the 34-credit Landscape Service Technician and any of three AAS Degrees offered within the Landscape Technology Department. The Landscape Technology Advisory Committee recommended the development of the entry-level certificate because employers have a need for better-trained employees.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for the Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate in Landscape Technology Entry-Level for Portland Community College.