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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
APPROVAL OF THE LESS THAN ONE-YEAR
CERTIFICATE IN RESIDENTIAL PLANS EXAMINATION
FOR PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: The proposed Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate in Residential Plans Examination is for individuals who want to be a licensed plans examiner. The 42-credit certificate covers the structural and residential codes as well as skills for examining plans for code compliance. Successful completion of this certificate provides preparation for the licensing exam required of all Plans Examiners and Building Inspectors. All courses in the certificate are embedded in the Building Inspection Technology AAS. The Architecture department will provide oversight of the AAS and Certificate. The certificate was suspended during the economic and real estate downturn because of limited need. The conditions have changed, however, and building officials in the region now have a need for trained building inspectors and plans examiners to fill a void in the industry and to manage the backlog of work.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for the Less Than One-Year Certificate in Residential Plans Examination for Portland Community College.