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APPLY TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING
COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF THE FOUNDATIONS IN
HUMAN SERVICES LESS THAN ONE-YEAR CAREER
PATHWAY CERTIFICATE FOR PORTLAND COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

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REPORT: The proposed Foundations in Human Services Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate prepares students for entry-level human-service work in a variety of environments under the direction of social workers, counselors, psychologists, and those with advanced education or experience. The 12-credit certificate prepares human-service workers who aid people to function more effectively by providing support and access to resources. Head Start and Early Head Start recently revised a policy and now must ensure that staff who work directly with families on family partnerships have a certificate in human services. The Foundations in Human Services Certificate meets this Head Start policy. The Family and Human Services department worked closely with Head Start to develop the certificate to meet Head Start's needs. All courses in the certificate are embedded in the Family and Human Services AAS, providing students a pathway into an entry level position and to continue their education and career trajectory by acquiring more education and associates degree. The Foundation in Human Services Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate has been reviewed and approved by the Family and Human Services Industry Advisory Committee.

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