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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Joyce A. Scott, Deputy Commissioner for Academic & Student Affairs  
**DATE:** June 24, 2003 FINAL  
**SUBJECT:** Level I Announcements & Approvals

This memo is to inform you of the Level I changes in academic programs approved in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education since the last meeting of the Board of Regents. You can view these items online at <http://www.mus.montana.edu/academics.htm>. I will be happy to answer questions about these changes.

**The University of Montana – Missoula**

- [120-1010+R0703](#) Request to offer Library/Media endorsement (Elementary Education BA degree) through distance delivery in collaboration with The University of Montana – Western. The endorsement/certification exists on each respective campus but will be provided cooperatively using previously approved coursework.
- [120-1011+R0703](#) Proposal to add an Electronic Delivery Option for Educational Leader Master's degree while maintaining face-to-face course offering on the campus. Students have the option of coming to campus or using electronic medium to complete their coursework. No changes to the approved courses or to the program are requested.

**Montana Tech of The University of Montana**

- [120-1501+R0703](#) Request by the Technology Health Department to revert the existing Associate of Applied Science in Practical Nursing degree to a Certificate program.
- [120-1502+R0703](#) Request by the Department of Geophysical Engineering to add a Physics minor.
- [120-1503+R0703](#) Request by the Department of Geophysical Engineering to add a Geophysics minor.
- [120-1504+R0703](#) Request to add an Option in Medical Assistant to the Office Technology AAS degree.

### **The University of Montana – Western**

[120-1601+R0703](#) Request to modify the coursework requirements at The University of Montana-Western and The University of Montana-Missoula leading to K-12 Library Endorsement to include common Internet courses.

### **Montana State University – Bozeman**

[120-2007+R0703](#) The Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at Montana State University-Bozeman requests approval to change the name of the Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Management Engineering to Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering. This name change more accurately reflects the focus of this program as the curriculum is more closely aligned with a classic treatment of industrial engineering and has been so for at least 10 years. This request is also in response to a change in ABET policies regarding accreditation of degree programs with multiple designations in the degree title.

### **Montana State University – Northern**

[120-2801+R0703](#) Request to change the Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Information Systems to a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems.  
[Proposal](#) | [Attachment A](#)

### **Dawson Community College**

[120-201+R0703](#) Request to offer a Welding Technology Certificate, requiring 30 credits for completion. Students who complete this program will be prepared for employment in entry-level positions in welding. DCC will seek Level II approval in two years if sufficient interest is evident to continue.

### **Flathead Valley Community College**

[120-3001+R0703](#) Request to offer a Certificate program in Surgical Technology (48 credits) in response to significant staff shortages at the local hospitals. FVCC currently offers the majority of courses and the remaining courses can easily be added. The local hospitals have pledged support of the clinical experiences.  
[Attachment A](#)

[120-3002+R0703](#) Request to offer a Certificate program in Heavy Equipment Operation (33 credits). This certificate is being offered in response to requests from the Job Service on behalf of former Stimson Lumber, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company and Semitool employees. There are currently 32 students who have expressed interest in the program. [Attachment A](#)

[120-3003+R0703](#) Request to offer a Certificate program in Medical Coding (39 credits) based on the needs of local hospitals and physicians clinics, documented through a recent survey. In addition to the support of local business and industry, there are a significant number of students enrolled at FVCC who have expressed an interest in the program. [Attachment A](#)