

Request for Approval with Assurances Montana Big Sky Pathways (Programs of Study)

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) calls for states to offer "career and technical programs of study," known as Big Sky Pathways in Montana, as an option to students and their parents when planning for and completing future coursework. These programs, at a minimum, must:


- Incorporate and align secondary and postsecondary education elements,
- Include academic and CTE content in a coordinated, non-duplicative progression of courses,
- Offer the opportunity, where appropriate, for secondary students to acquire postsecondary credits, and
- Lead to an industry-recognized credential or certificate at the postsecondary level, or an associate or baccalaureate degree.

Assurances:

By my signature on this form, I assure that to the best of my ability the proposed Big Sky Pathway submitted for approval by this high school/college satisfies the 10 stated requirements. For approval, all 10 requirements must be checked. **NOTE: only the OPI Specialist has the authority to approve.**

Name of Big Sky Pathway (cluster level):		Finance
Name of High School:		Poplar High School
Names of Secondary Lead Teacher and Counselor:		Teresa Turner
<i>The Lead Secondary Teacher will be contacted if OPI has questions about this request</i>		
Lead Teacher's email address:		turnert@poplar.k12.mt.us
Lead Teacher's phone number:		406-768-6830 ext 6855
Name of College:		MSU-B COT
Name of College Program:		Accounting Technology
Name of College Lead Faculty Member:		Randy Schmidt
REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL		
1.	Includes all state and local graduation requirements	✓
2.	Identifies the appropriate secondary CTE, academic, and recommended elective courses offered by this high school which will prepare the student for college-level courses without remediation	✓
3.	Outlines a non-duplicative sequence of courses from grades 9-12 and from secondary to postsecondary education	✓
4.	Prepares students for entry into a postsecondary program or apprenticeship	✓
5.	Leads to an industry-recognized postsecondary credential, degree or employment	✓
6.	Includes appropriate state standards and/or industry skills standards. Identify standards used: <i>National Standards for Business Education</i>	✓
7.	Aligns with an AAS program offered by a Montana college (college of technology, community college, tribal college, MSU-Northern)	✓
8.	Links with a web-based guidance delivery system such as MCIS If using something other than MCIS, please indicate:	✓
9.	When applicable, dual enrollment opportunities have been identified.	✓
10.	When applicable, Advanced Placement, IB courses and CTE START (statewide articulations) have been identified.	✓
High School Principal's Signature:		Date: 1/25/11
H.S. Advisory Committee Member's Signature:		Date: 1/25/11
College Chief Academic Officer's Signature:		Date:
College Lead Faculty Member's Signature:		Date: 1-25-11
Please submit this Request for Approval form and a copy of the Big Sky Pathway Proposal to: OPI, Career and Technical Education, P.O. Box 202501, Helena, Montana 59616-2501		
OPI Specialist Approval:		Date of Approval: 5/26-11
OCHE Approval:		Date of Approval: 1/17/11
Both the college and the high school will receive a signed copy when the BSP is approved		

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HIGH SCHOOL: Poplar High School		BIG SKY PATHWAY PROPOSAL 
COLLEGE: MSU-B College of Technology		
COLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAM: AAS Accounting Technology		
Cluster Overview: Jobs in the Finance career cluster involve providing services for financial and investment planning, banking insurance, and business financial management.	Pathway Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securities and Investments • Business Finance • Accounting • Insurance • Banking Services 	Occupation Examples: Financial Manager, Comptroller, Insurance Sales Agent, Actuary, Estate Planner, Financial Advisor, Chief Financial Officer <i>For a complete listing, go to:</i> http://online.onetcenter.org/find/career?c=6&q=Go

SUGGESTED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Grade	Requirements	Course List	CTE Cluster
9th	Graduation Requirements	English, Math, Earth Science (lab), Health Enhancement, Technology, Fine Arts, Vocational/Practical Arts	Recommended CTE Cluster Foundation Courses: MS Office Intro to Business
	Workforce/2-Year College Prep	English, Algebra 1, Earth Science (lab), Health Enhancement, World History or World Geography, Fine Arts, Technology, Vocational/Practical Arts	
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)	English, Algebra 1, Earth Science (lab), Health Enhancement, World History or World Geography, Fine Arts, Technology, Vocational/Practical Arts	
	CTE and/or Electives	Cluster Foundation Courses	
10th	Graduation Requirements	English, Math, Biology (lab), Health Enhancement, Technology, Fine Arts, Vocational/Practical Arts	Other Recommended CTE Courses: Accounting I & II Banking & Personal Finance Adobe I & II Technology Publications Intro to Web Design
	Workforce/2-Year College Prep	English, Geometry, Biology (lab), Health Enhancement, Technology, Fine Arts, Vocational/Practical Arts	
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)	English, Geometry, Biology (lab), Health Enhancement, Technology, Fine Arts, Vocational/Practical Arts	
	CTE and/or Electives	Cluster/Pathway Courses	
11th	Graduation Requirements	English, US History,	CTE Student Organization(s): BPA
	Workforce/2-Year College Prep	English, US History, Algebra 2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Chemistry or Physics	
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)	English, US History, Algebra 2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Chemistry or Physics	
	CTE and/or Electives	Pathway Courses	
12th	Graduation Requirements	English, Government	
	Workforce/2-Year College Prep	English, Government, Chemistry or Physics, Intro to Calculus,	
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)	English, Government, Chemistry or Physics, Intro to Calculus,	
	CTE and/or Electives	Pathway Courses	

ADVANCED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

High School to College/Career Linkages

CTE START courses:
Advanced Placement or IB courses:
Dual Enrollment courses:
Online courses: Digital Academy: MT Digital Academy with approval of administration.
Other:

POSTSECONDARY PROGRAM OF STUDY

	Math	English	Major	Other
13—Semester 1	M108(3)	WRIT122(3)	ACTG101(3) CTBU171(3)	CAPP120(3) TASK115(3)
13—Semester 2		COMT109(3) COMT130(3)	ACTG205(3) ACTG125(3) ACTG102(3)	CAPP156(3)
14—Semester 1			ACTG180(3)	CAPP154(3)

				Restricted Electives(3)
14—Semester 2	College Math (3-4)		CTBU165(3) ACTG103(3)	CAPP158(3) Restricted Electives(6)

MONTANA POSTSECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

Montana University System Degree and Program Inventory: <http://www.homepage.montana.edu/~mus/drginv/>

Your Guide to Montana's Certificate and Associate Degree Programs: <http://mus.edu/twoyear/YourGuide.html>

Colleges of Technology: BLCOT—Billings; GFCOT—Great Falls; HCOT—Helena; TECHCOT—Butte; UMCOT—Missoula; GCP—Bozeman		Community Colleges: DCC—Glendive; FVCC—Kalispell; MCC—Miles City		Tribal Colleges: BFCC—Browning; CDKC—Lame Deer; FBCC—Harlem; FPCC—Poplar; LBHC—Crow Agency; SCC—Box Elder; SKC—Pablo		Four Year Colleges/Universities: MSU—Bozeman; MSUB—Billings; MSUN—Havre; TECH—Butte; UM—Missoula; UMW—Dillon	
MILITARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires diploma or GED 17 with parental consent; 18 without 			Air Force, Air Guard, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy For more information: http://todaysmilitary.com			
PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires diploma or GED Less than 30 credits; little/no general ed credits Complete in one year or less 			Payroll Accounting — FVCC Bookkeeping — HCOT			
APPRENTICESHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires diploma or GED Must be at least 18 Minimum 2,000 hours of supervised experience 			See the MT Dept of Labor website for more information: http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/apprenticeship/default.asp			
CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires diploma or GED 30-45 credits; limited general education credits Complete in one year or less 			Accounting — BLCOT, FVCC, FPCC, SCC Bookkeeping — HCOT, TECHCOT, GCP			
ASSOCIATE'S OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires diploma or GED 60-72 credits; includes 15-25 general ed credits Complete in two years (<i>if prepared academically in math and English</i>) 			Accounting — HCOT, UMCOT, BLCOT, TECHCOT, GFCOT, FVCC Accounting Technology — UMCOT			
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires 4-year college prep for admission 128 credits (approximately) Complete in four years 			Accounting — UM Business/Accounting option — MSU, MSUB Business/Accounting option — TECH Business/Finance option — MSU, MSUB			

Degree and Program Inventory above may not be all inclusive