

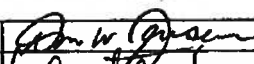
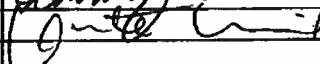
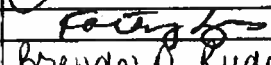
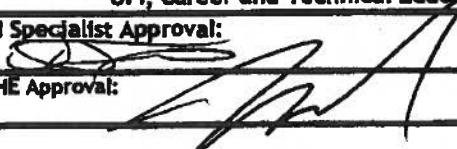
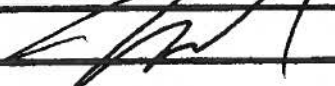
Request for Approval with Assurances Montana Big Sky Pathways (Programs of Study)


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 (Business)	
Name of High School:		Thompson Falls High School	
Names of Secondary Lead Teacher and Counselor:		Tina Wheeler, Jodi Morgan	
<i>The Lead Secondary Teacher will be contacted if OPI has questions about this request</i>			
Lead Teacher's email address:		twheeler@blackfoot.net	
Lead Teacher's phone number:		(406) 827-3561	
Name of College:		FVCC	
Name of College Program:		AAS - Accounting	
Name of College Lead Faculty Member:		Brenda Rudolph	
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: NBEA standards		✓
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: 2/11/11
H.S. Advisory Committee Member's Signature:			Date: 2/11/11
College Chief Academic Officer's Signature:			Date: 2/02/11
College Lead Faculty Member's Signature:		Brenda D. Rudolph	Date: 2/18/11
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 59620-2501			
OPI Specialist Approval:			Date of Approval: 9/27-11
OCHE Approval:			Date of Approval: 11/17/11
Both the college and the high school will receive a signed copy when the BSP is approved			

HIGH SCHOOL: Thompson Falls High School		BIG SKY PATHWAY PROPOSAL 
COLLEGE: Flathead Valley Community College		
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	Course	Prerequisites	Recommended CTE Cluster Foundation Courses:
9th	Graduation Requirements Workforce/2-Year College Prep		Computer I
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)	English I, Algebra I, Earth Science, World History, HE 1/2, Computer I	
	CTE and/or Electives		
10th	Graduation Requirements Workforce/2-Year College Prep		Other Recommended CTE Courses: Accounting I/II Personal Finance Business Publications
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)	English II, Geometry, Biology, HE 3/4, Fine Arts, Accounting I/II	
	CTE and/or Electives		
11th	Graduation Requirements Workforce/2-Year College Prep		CTE Student Organization(s):
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)	English III, Algebra II, Science, U.S. History, Personal Finance	
	CTE and/or Electives		
12th	Graduation Requirements Workforce/2-Year College Prep		
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)	English IV, English Elective, Math Recommended, Government, Business Publications	
	CTE and/or Electives		

ADVANCED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

High School to College/Career Linkages

CTE START courses:
Advanced Placement or IB courses: AP Psychology, AP U.S. History, AP Government & Politics
Dual Enrollment courses:
Online courses:
Other:

POSTSECONDARY PROGRAM OF STUDY

	Math	English	Major	Other
13—Semester 1	M 121M	WRIT 122C	ACTG 201	BADM 176 SP 120 C
13—Semester 2			ACTG 180 ACTG 202	BUS 271 CMPA 131T ECNS 201B

14—Semester 1			ACTG 205 ACTG 211 ACTG 231 ACTG 241	BUS 275
14—Semester 2			ACTG 207 ACTG 210 ACTG 298	BADM 260

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