



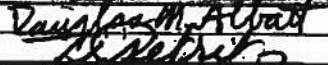
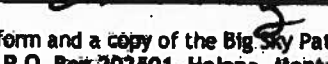


## Request for Approval with Assurances Montana Big Sky Pathways (Programs of Study)


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 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.

Name of Big Sky Pathway (cluster level):	FINANCE	
Name of High School:	West Yellowstone H.S.	
Names of Secondary Lead Teacher and Counselor:	Debra Paisley + Rick Armstrong	
<i>The Lead Secondary Teacher will be contacted if OPI has questions about this request</i>		
Lead Teacher's email address:		
Lead Teacher's phone number:	406 646 7617	
Name of College:	Montana Tech COT	
Name of College Program:	ACCOUNTING TECHNOLOGY	
Name of College Lead Faculty Member:	VICKIE PETRITZ	
<b>REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL</b>		
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: National Standards for Business Ed	✓
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: 2/7/11
H.S. Advisory Committee Member's Signature:		Date: 2/7/11
College Chief Academic Officer's Signature:		Date: 2/24/11
College Lead Faculty Member's Signature:		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: 5/27/11
OCHE Approval:		Date of Approval: 10/17/11
Both the college and the high school will receive a signed copy when the BSP is approved		

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

**SUGGESTED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

<b>9th</b>	Graduation Requirements Workforce/2-Year College Prep	English 9, Algebra 1, Health Enhancement 9, Montana History Computer Applications, Earth Science	<b>Recommended CTE Cluster Foundation Courses:</b> Computer Applications
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)		
	<b>CTE and/or Electives</b>	<b>Computer Applications, Art, Choir, CTE Electives</b>	
<b>10th</b>	Graduation Requirements Workforce/2-Year College Prep	English 10, Biology, Geometry, Health Enhancement 10 US History	<b>Other Recommended CTE Courses:</b> Adv Word Processing/MS Office Accounting General Business
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)		
	<b>CTE and/or Electives</b>	<b>Adv Word Processing/MS Office, Art, Choir, CTE Electives</b>	
<b>11th</b>	Graduation Requirements Workforce/2-Year College Prep	World History, English 11	<b>CTE Student Organization(s):</b> BPA
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)	Algebra 2, Chemistry, Physics, Adv Biology	
	<b>CTE and/or Electives</b>	<b>General Business, Art, Music, Choir, CTE Electives</b>	
<b>12th</b>	Graduation Requirements Workforce/2-Year College Prep	English 12, Government, Transitions	
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)	PreCalculus, Chemistry, Physics,	
	<b>CTE and/or Electives</b>	<b>Accounting, Art, Music, Choir, CTE Electives</b>	

**ADVANCED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**  
High School to College/Career Linkages

<b>CTE START courses: ACTG 101 ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES 1, CAPP154 MS WORD, CAPP 156 MS EXCELL , CAPP 120 COMPUTER APPLICATIONS</b>
<b>Advanced Placement or IB courses: AP Statistics</b>
<b>Dual Enrollment courses:</b>
<b>Online courses:</b>
<b>Other:</b>

**POSTSECONDARY PROGRAM OF STUDY**

	Math	English	Major	Other
<b>13—Semester 1</b>			<b>ACTG 101,BUS 265, TASK 113, CAPP 131</b>	<b>Option requirements</b>
<b>13—Semester 2</b>	<b>M95</b>	<b>WRIT101</b>	<b>BUS 113, ACTG 201</b>	<b>PSYX 100 Option requirements</b>
<b>14—Semester 1</b>			<b>ACTG 180, ACTG 211 CAPP 154</b>	<b>Option requirements COMM 1216</b>
<b>14—Semester 2</b>			<b>CAPP 156, ACTG 205 ACTG 202, ACTG 215</b>	<b>MT 220, Option requirements</b>

## MONTANA POSTSECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

Montana University System Degree and Program Inventory: <http://www.homepage.montana.edu/~mus/drqinv/>  
 Your Guide to Montana's Certificate and Associate Degree Programs: <http://mus.edu/twoyear/YourGuide.html>

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