

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):	Business, Management and Administration Finance (Accounting)
Name of High School:	Fromberg High School
Names of Secondary Lead Teacher and Counselor:	Susan McQuillan ; Kate Warner-Combs
Name of College:	Montana State University Billings College of Technology
Name of College Program:	Associate of Applied Science Degree Accounting Tech
Name of College Lead Faculty Member:	Randy Schmitz
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: <i>Garye Scott</i>	Date: 1/20/11
H.S. Advisory Committee Member's Signature: <i>Guy Kallaway</i>	Date: 1-20-11
College Chief Academic Officer's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date:
College Lead Faculty Member's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	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 59620-2501	
OPI Specialist Approval: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date of Approval: 5/31-11
OCHE Approval: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date of Approval: 2-28-2013
Both the college and the high school will receive a signed copy, when the BSP is approved	

BIG SKY PATHWAY PROPOSAL

(SUBMIT TO OPI WITH REQUEST FOR APPROVAL WITH ASSURANCES)

HIGH SCHOOL: Fromberg High School, Fromberg, MT

COLLEGE: Montana State University Billings College of Technology

COLLEGE PROGRAM: AAS ACCOUNTING TECHNOLOGY

SUGGESTED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES			
9 th	Graduation Requirements Workforce/2-Year College Prep	<i>Eng I, Western US History, Algebra I, Physical Science, PE/Health I, Computer Applications</i>	Recommended CTE Cluster Foundation Courses: <i>Computer Applications</i>
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)		
	Career & Technical Ed		
10 th	Graduation Requirements Workforce/2-Year College Prep	<i>Eng II, World History, Geometry, Biology, PE/health II</i>	Other Recommended CTE Courses: <i>Accounting 1</i>
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)		
	Career & Technical Ed		
11 th	Graduation Requirements Workforce/2-Year College Prep	<i>Eng III, US History, Algebra II</i>	CTE Student Organization:
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)		
	Career & Technical Ed		
12 th	Graduation Requirements Workforce/2-Year College Prep	<i>English IV, US Government</i>	
	4-Year MT College/Univ Prep (Rigorous Core)		
	Career & Technical Ed		
ADVANCED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES			
High School to College/Career Linkages			
CTE START courses: CAPP120, Introduction to Computers			
Advanced Placement or IB courses:			
Dual enrollment courses:			
Online courses: Mt Digital Academy with prior approval			

Other:

POSTSECONDARY PROGRAM OF STUDY

	Math	English	Major	Other
13—Semester 1	M108	WRIT 122 (3)	ACTG 101 (3) ACTG 180 (3)	CAPP 120 (3) ELECTIVE
13—Semester 2			ACTG 102 (3) ACTG 205 (3)	CAPP 154 (3) TASK 115 (3) CTBU 171 (3)
14—Semester 1			ACTG 103 (3)	CAPP 156 (3) COMT 109 (3) CTBU 165 (3) ELECTIVE
14—Semester 2	M 121 OR 143 (3,4) M		ACTG 125 (3)	CAPP 158 (3) COMT 130 (3) ELECTIVE