

## Montana University System New Academic Program Proposal Summary

<b>Campus:</b> The University of Montana-Helena COT	<b>Item Number:</b> 119-1901-R0503
<b>Program Title:</b> Associate of Science Degree in Nursing	<b>Date:</b> May 29-30, 2003

1. How does this program advance the campus' academic mission and fit priorities?

This proposed ASN degree supports the UM-H academic mission by responding to workforce development needs and increasing the accessibility of higher education to the people of the Helena community and surrounding area.

2. How does this program fit the Board of Regents' goals and objectives?

An ASN degree at UM-H would fit the goals and objectives of the Board of Regents by providing "a high quality, affordable higher education experience available to all qualified citizens who wish to further their education and training" and by increasing the accessibility of higher education to Helena.

3. How does this program support or advance Montana's needs and interests?

According to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Montana will be short of Registered Nurses by 1,043 positions by 2015. With the growing aged population, nursing care in acute-care and long-term care will continue to increase in proportion to the working age group of people. The need for healthcare workers will continue to rise.

4. How will this program contribute to economic development in Montana?

An ASN degree in Helena will make higher education more available to nursing students in Helena and the surrounding area and help fulfill labor market needs in Montana.

5. What is the Program's planned capacity?

The ASN-RN program will have a capacity for 40 students to share resources in nursing with 60 nursing students in the Certificate Practical Nursing program.

6. Resource Allocation

This program will be allocated \$15,750 each year with an additional \$10,000 for Nursing Accreditation in the second year. These funds will be allocated from the UM-H General Funds.