

# MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS

## LEVEL I REQUEST FORM

Item No.:	130-1502+R0306	Date of Meeting:	March 1-3, 2006
Institution:	Montana Tech of the University of Montana College of Technology		
Program Title:	A.A.S. in Radiologic Technology		

Level I proposals are those that may be approved by the Commissioner of Higher Education or the Commissioner's designee. The approval of such proposals will be conveyed to the Board of Regents at the next regular meeting of the board. The institution must file the request with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education by means of a memo to the Deputy Commissioner.

- A. Level I action requested (check all that apply):** Level I proposals include campus initiatives typically characterized by (a) minimal costs; (b) clear adherence to approved campus mission; and (c) the absence of significant programmatic impact on other institutions within the Montana University System and Community Colleges.
- 1. Re-titling existing majors, minors, options and certificates; (e.g. from B.S. in Mechanized Agriculture to B.S. in Agricultural Operations Technology);
  - 2. Eliminating existing majors, minors, options and certificates via a Program Termination Checklist;
  - 3. Adding new minors or certificates where there is a major;
  - 4. Adding new minors or certificates where there is an option in a major;
  - 5. Departmental mergers and name changes;
  - 6. Program revisions; and
  - 7. Distance delivery of previously authorized degree programs.
- B. Level I with Level II documentation:** With Level II documentation circulated to all campus chief academic officers in advance, the Commissioner or designee may propose additional items for inclusion in the Level I process. For these items to move forward, the Commissioner or designee must reach consensus with the chief academic officers. When consensus is not achieved, the Commissioner or designee will move the item to the Level II review process.
- 1. Options within an existing major or degree;
  - 2. Eliminating organizational units within larger institutions such as departments, divisions and colleges or schools *with the exception of the five Colleges of Technology where changes require Board action;*
  - 3. Consolidating existing programs and/or degrees.
- C. Temporary Certificate or A.A.S. degree programs:** Certificate or Associate of Applied Science Degree Programs may be submitted as Level I proposals, with memo and backup documentation, when they are offered in cooperation with and/or at the request of private or public sector partners and the decision point to offer the program is not consistent with the regular Board of Regents program approval process. Level I approval for programs under this provision will be limited to two years. Continuation of a program beyond the two years will require the normal program approval process as Level II Proposals.

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All other Certificate or Associate Degree programs may be placed on submission at any Board of Regents meeting. They will be placed on action agendas at subsequent meetings. All campuses agree to insure that all other campuses receive program information well in advance of submission.

**Specify Request:**

Montana Tech of The University of Montana College of Technology requests permission to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiologic Technology to students in eastern Montana through a learning consortium agreement with Miles Community College. The program will be delivered via distance learning on-line classes. An on-site part time instructor will be engaged to deliver the face-to-face portions of various classes for this unique blended learning program. Area healthcare facilities will provide clinical instruction.

The shortage of Radiologic Technologists is statewide and results in healthcare facilities relying on traveling providers at greater expense. The distance learning component will allow for students in eastern Montana to train for a much needed occupation, with those students possibly remaining in their own community upon graduation.

The estimated number of outreach students admitted annually will be 10 beginning in spring 2007. Miles Community College will provide the pre-health core courses and assist with the formal selection of students into the Radiologic Technology program.