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ITEM 138-103-R0308

**Exception to Policy 301.12, Undergraduate Degree Requirements, AAS degrees in Radiologic Technology**

**THAT:**

The Board of Regents of Higher Education approves an exception to Policy 301.12, Undergraduate Degree Requirements: Associate Degrees and Certificates of Applied Science, for the following programs:

- Associate of Applied Science degrees in Radiologic Technology at Flathead Valley Community College, Montana State University-Billings College of Technology, Montana State University-Great Falls College of Technology and The University of Montana-Missoula College of Technology.

**EXPLANATION:**

Policy 301.12 establishes guidelines and characteristics for two-year degree programs. The Policy also establishes an exception procedure for programs that do not comply with those guidelines. That procedure has been followed with this exception request.

The above-referenced programs in Radiologic Technology exceed the credit limit of 72 credits established in Policy 301.12. As a consequence, the programs also take more than two academic years to complete, as required by Policy 301.12. The basis for the exception is the required number of clinical hours in the program, and the methodology used to calculate those clinical hours. Other radiologic technology programs throughout the region are very similar in size and content.

The Two-Year Education Council, at a meeting on February 4, 2008, approved a recommendation to grant this exception. That recommendation is now before the Montana Board of Regents for approval, as required by Policy 301.12.