

**UM-Missoula COT  
2007-2008 PROGRAM YEAR**

THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY  
SYSTEM CAMPUS REPORTS

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**LIST OF THE PROGRAMS REVIEWED**

- 1. Nursing**
- 2. Pharmacy Technology**
- 3. Surgical Technology**

Program Name(s): **Nursing**

A.A.S. degree in Practical Nursing—Retain the program as is

A.S. degree in Registered Nursing—Retain the program as is

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Decision(s) concerning the future of the program(s), based on the program review criteria established at the campus:

A.A.S. degree in Practical Nursing

A.S. degree in Registered Nursing

	Associate's				
	<u>Degrees Conferred</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>Average</u>
<b>Practical Nursing TOTAL</b>		34	45	43	40
<b>Registered Nursing TOTAL</b>		na	18	24	

Rationale or justification for the decision based on the program review process established at the campus. (Note: If the program(s) fall(s) into the category described in Section E, this part of the report must be more complete and detailed if the campus decision is to retain or continue the program.

The A.A.S. degree in Practical Nursing is critical to the state of Montana and the nation. The number of trained nurses does not meet the need, and this situation is expected to continue. The size of the Practical Nursing program is capped primarily by the shortage of suitable placements for clinical training. This program should be grown whenever possible. Since its inception the preparation of Practical Nurses has been exceptional: in 2007 97.96% of students taking the national licensure exam (NCLEX) passed, compared to the national average of 87.47%.

The A.S. degree in Registered Nursing is similarly crucial in Montana and the nation. The current size of the program is determined to a large extent by the shortage of suitable placements for clinical training. This program should be grown whenever possible.

**Program Name(s)** Nursing

A.A.S. degree in Practical Nursing

A.S. degree in Registered Nursing

**A d d e n d u m**

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The Nursing Program must be evaluated by the Montana Board of Nursing for accreditation. Therefore, program review is conducted in conjunction with the accreditation schedule.

Self-study prepared—February 2007

Site visitors from the Montana Board of Nursing visited campus—May 3-4, 2007

Montana Board of Nursing recommended Conditional Approval to the Registered Nursing Program—July 2007

Montana Board of Nursing recommended Approval for the Practical Nursing Program—July 2007

Update to self-study prepared and submitted—August 14, 2007

Conference call with Montana Board of Nursing—August 20, 2007

Site visitors from the Montana Board of Nursing visited campus—May 7-8, 2008

Response to site visitors report filed by Mary Nielsen, MSN, RN (Nursing Program Director)—August 8, 2008

Montana Board of Nursing issues recommendation re accreditation—scheduled for October 15-16, 2008

Department Chair conference with Provost, Associate Provost, and Dean(s)—to be scheduled following Montana Board of Nursing recommendations

Department Chair and Provost complete joint action plan—in preparation

Program Name(s): **Pharmacy Technology**

Certificate of Applied Science in Pharmacy Technology—Retain the program as is

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Decision(s) concerning the future of the program(s), based on the program review criteria established at the campus:

C.A.S. Pharmacy Technology

Certificate					
	<u>Degrees Conferred</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>Average</u>
<b>Pharmacy Technology</b>					
<b>TOTAL</b>		13	(5)	11	12

Rationale or justification for the decision based on the program review process established at the campus. (Note: If the program(s) fall(s) into the category described in Section E, this part of the report must be more complete and detailed if the campus decision is to retain or continue the program.

The Certificate of Applied Science in Pharmacy Technology prepares pharmacy technicians who aid licensed pharmacists provide medication and other health care products to patients. Reliance on pharmacy technicians has grown and the employment of pharmacy technicians is expected to increase much faster than the average for all occupations through 2014 because, as the population grows and ages, demand for pharmaceuticals will increase dramatically.

**Program Name(s)** Pharmacy Technology

C.A.S. in Pharmacy Technology

### **A d d e n d u m**

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The Pharmacy Technology Program is evaluated by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists for accreditation. Therefore, program review is conducted in conjunction with the accreditation schedule.

Self-study prepared—March 2007

Site visitors from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists visited campus—May 15-16, 2007

Response to site visitors report filed by Mary McHugh, Director, Pharmacy Technician Program—August 10, 2007

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists approved reaccreditation of the pharmacy technician training program for six years (2013); a midterm progress report will be requested in three years.

Program Name(s): **Surgical Technology**

Certificate of Applied Science in Pharmacy Technology—Retain the program as is

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Decision(s) concerning the future of the program(s), based on the program review criteria established at the campus:

A.A.S. Surgical Technology

	Associate's				
	Degrees Conferred	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Average
<b>Surgical Technology TOTAL</b>		22	26	16	21

Rationale or justification for the decision based on the program review process established at the campus. (Note: If the program(s) fall(s) into the category described in Section E, this part of the report must be more complete and detailed if the campus decision is to retain or continue the program.

The Associates degree in Applied Science in Surgical Technology prepares allied health professionals who work under medical supervision to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of invasive surgical procedures. The surgical technologist possesses expertise in the theory and application of sterile and aseptic technique and combines the knowledge of human anatomy, surgical procedures, and implementation tools and technologies to facilitate a physician's performance of invasive therapeutic and diagnostic procedures. The retention and completion rates for the program are excellent. Retention rates for 2005-2006 were 76%, for 2006-2007, they were 87%. The graduate placement rate of 90% exceeds the ARC-ST benchmark of 80%.

**Program Name(s)** Pharmacy Technology

C.A.S. in Pharmacy Technology

**A d d e n d u m**

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The Surgical Technology Program is evaluated by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs for accreditation. Therefore, program review is conducted in conjunction with the accreditation schedule.

First of two site visits from the Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology—"random" visit in March 2006

Response to on-site evaluation report submitted—July 2006

Satellite/Consortium Application approved—December 4, 2007.

Site visitors on campus October 24, 25, and 26, 2007, including visits to the outreach campuses in Butte and Billings. The on-site visitors identified five major strengths of the program (dedication of faculty, excellence of program, clinical sites, lab facilities, and the experience and satisfaction of students). They commented specifically on the success of the distance learning program, indicating that UM had "initiated something that hasn't been done in many places" and that the program has "a lot to be proud of."

Response to accreditation report—February 6, 2008

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) awarded continuing accreditation to the surgical technology program on July 25, 2008: "The recent peer review conducted by the Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology (ARC-ST) and CAAHEP's Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation Standards. The next comprehensive evaluation of the program, including an on-site review is scheduled to occur in 2018... The commission commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education."