

ATTACHMENT A



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I write in support of The University of Montana College of Technology's proposal to develop an Associate of Arts Pre-Professional degree in Social Work. Currently, The University of Montana Missoula offers the only bachelor's degree in social work within the Montana University System. UMMissoula has attracted students from community and tribal colleges throughout the state who have often piecemealed together their first two years of education with the hope of completing their bachelor's degree in social work. Often, this has led to a more difficult academic transition into the program. The College of Technology's proposal to offer a pre-social work associate degree will afford those students who are enrolled and affiliated with the college of technology to take the requisite courses for the bachelor's degree, providing a seamless transition for students entering into Missoula's four year degree program.

Montana's job market has always been strong for social workers who have completed the bachelor's degree in social work. The demand will be better met by affording an opportunity for The University of Montana College of Technology to offer a Pre-Professional degree program that is aligned with UM's BSW program.

ATTACHMENT B

**The University of Montana—School of Social Work
and
The University of Montana—College of Technology**
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| The UM College of Technology (UMCOT) Program: | Associate of Arts, Pre-Professional Social Work |
| The University of Montana Program: | Social Work |
| The University of Montana Degree: | Bachelor of Arts, Social Work |

Program Updates

The following information provides details regarding this agreement and courses that are required. To ensure that your transfer plans progress as smoothly as possible, it is always wise to check with both your College of Technology advisor and the appropriate contact person at The University of Montana School of Social Work.

General Information About This Agreement

Purpose

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to provide an efficient transition for The UM College of Technology students transferring to The University of Montana School of Social Work. The University of Montana and The UM College of Technology Missoula will maintain the integrity of their separate programs and enter into this agreement as cooperating institutions.

Goals

- Assist transfer students in the transition from The UM College of Technology to the University of Montana School of Social Work.
- Encourage an academic alliance between The University of Montana School of Social Work and The UM College of Technology through dialogue and interaction from both institutions.
- Increase retention of transfer students through enhanced advisement and closely articulated academic course work.
- Promote student academic preparation and transfer planning.
- Support and promote the value and benefits of 2 year college transfer to obtain a bachelor's or higher academic degree (2+2 program).

Articles of Agreement**Article I:**

The University of Montana Missoula School of Social Work and The UM College of Technology Missoula agree that any student who successfully completes the course requirements as delineated in this agreement may transfer up to 62 semester hours toward the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work offered through the College of Health Professions & Biomedical Sciences.

Article II:

The University of Montana School of Social Work graduation requirements for students who follow this agreement assume completion of a total of at least 120 semester hours that includes credits transferred from The UM College of Technology, and completion of the required upper division courses.

Article III:

This agreement does not guarantee acceptance into The University of Montana School of Social Work Program. The UM College of Technology students will be considered on an equal basis with all other applicants provided they meet the prerequisites for admission to the School of Social Work Program as specified in the current The University of Montana catalog.

Article IV:

Degree requirements and policies for either institution are subject to change without the approval by the other institution; however, the agreeing institutions will notify each other regarding pending changes. Students starting coursework at The UMCOT with the intention of transferring to The UM School Social Work program will be considered under The UM School of Social Work program requirements outlined in the catalog issued at the time the student started taking courses at The UMCOT for a period of five years from the starting date. All students from the 4-year University of Montana campus and UMCOT transfer students must formally apply to the UM School of Social Work for admission to the program. Students starting at UMCOT and intending to apply for admission to the School of Social Work program at The University of Montana Missoula will be treated under the same admission standards and limitations as those students already enrolled in 4-year programs at The University of Montana Missoula applying for admission to the SW program. The intent of this requirement is to assist students in making adequate academic plans to complete their degree.

Article V:

This agreement shall become effective on the date of signing and shall continue to remain in effect until at least a two-year's termination notice is given prior to a desired termination date. A notice of two-years is required to protect the interests of students that fall under this agreement.

Article VI:

Commitment by The University of Montana Missoula:

- Encourage regular review of the transfer curriculum to ensure that it is possible for a student to transfer to The University Of Montana School of Social Work after completion of two years at The UM College of Technology with the appropriate associate's degree, even though a student may choose to take longer.
- Provide transfer planning advisement regarding The University of Montana School of Social Work admission and graduation requirements.
- Provide current transfer information to The UM College of Technology.
- Invite faculty from The UM College of Technology for curriculum and/or articulation-related forums hosted by The University of Montana School of Work.
- Provide information to The UM College of Technology faculty and students regarding academic and cultural events held on campus and encourage joint attendance.
- Develop periodic assessment tools that provide UM College of Technology and The University Of Montana School Of Social Work with information about transfer student performance and satisfaction at the University of Montana.

Article VII:

Commitment by The UM College of Technology:

- Encourage regular review of the transfer curriculum to ensure that it is possible for a student to transfer to The University of Montana after completion of two years in the community college with the appropriate Associates' Degree, even though a student may choose to take longer.
- Encourage faculty and advisors of The UM College of Technology to participate in faculty-to-faculty seminars and other academic activities with their The University of Montana counterparts.
- Encourage visits by The UM College of Technology faculty, advisors and students to The University of Montana and The University of Montana faculty and advisors to The UM College of Technology.

Article VIII:

The University of Montana School of Social Work and The UM College of Technology agree to exchange transfer student information with the purpose of monitoring and enhancing student academic success. An information exchange may include the academic and demographic information required by the Montana Department of Education, Department of Labor and Economic Growth, State Office of Auditor General, and any other official reporting institutions for education accountability reports. Additionally, the information will be used to improve and enhance curricular offerings to support student success. At no time will Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations or requirements be violated.

Article IX:

The University of Montana School of Social Work and The UM College of Technology will review this agreement every year and make adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation.

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