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[MSU-Northern RN Pass Rate Exceeds National Average](#) - The third-quarter National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rates are in and MSU-Northern's nursing pass rate for 2020 is 90.91%. This rate is above the current national pass rate of 87.53% and the current Montana pass rate of 89.29%. This current pass rate is one of the highest for MSU-Northern in the past 7 years.

[Mayo Clinic Recruiting MSU-Northern Nursing Students](#) - MSU-Northern is pleased to announce that the Mayo Clinic and the VA hospitals are actively recruiting nursing graduates. In 2019, the Mayo Clinic hired one of Northern's ASN graduates, which opened the door for the Mayo Clinic to start recruiting our students. Our students are not only trained for rural areas, they are trained to be able to enter any hospital or clinic as a graduate nurse, which positions them to go to areas that have a high demand for nurses.

[2020 Montana Registered Apprenticeship Service Awards](#) - In recognition of National Registered Apprenticeship Week (November 8 through 14), The Montana Department of Labor & Industry presented two awards. The 2020 Montana Registered Apprenticeship Service Award went to Lorren Schlotfeldt, an instructor at Montana State University-Northern, for providing 14 years of exceptional instruction and helping plumbing apprentices pursue successful careers.

[MSUN Little River Institute Receives 1.5M NASNTI Grant](#) - The Little River Institute at Montana State University-Northern is pleased to announce the awarding of \$1,495,819 from the Department of Education's Native American Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) program. This five-year program will expand upon the work of the Little River Institute, begun with the first five-year NASNTI award, to increase on-time graduation rates of Native American students at both the bachelor and associate levels and increase the retention rates for all Native American students.

[Student Support Services Receives Five-Year Grant Renewal](#) - The Student Support Services grant at MSU-Northern was renewed for another five years as of September 1, 2020. Although the SSS grant has been present on this campus for over 30 years, each new grant cycle brings evolution and opportunity for improvements.

[MSU-Northern Hosts Fall Advisory Board Meetings](#) - In October and November, Academic Deans from MSUN's three colleges – Technical Science; Health Science; and Arts, Sciences and Education – hosted virtual, semi-annual meetings of academic program Advisory Boards. MSUN has nine program Advisory Boards that support our programs in education, health sciences, plumbing, electrical, civil engineering technology, business, automotive, agricultural operations and diesel.

[MSU-Northern Receives \\$250K from GEER Fund for Apprenticeship Initiative](#) - Governor Steve Bullock and Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian announced just over \$2.2 million in funding to be distributed to 19 projects supporting workforce development and remote education delivery for Montanans. All projects funded by the initiative will be based at one or more two-year institutions across the state of Montana. MSU-Northern received a \$250,000 grant to develop an accelerated apprenticeship education initiative in plumbing and electrical programs in partnership with Gallatin College, Great Falls College and the Billings MSU Career Center.

[MSU-Northern Hosts Frontier Conference Cross-country Championships](#) - The Lights finished Third and The Skylights took fifth place at the Frontier Conference Championships.