

# MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS

## LEVEL II REQUEST FORM

Item No.: 126-1011-R0105 Date of Meeting: Jan. 20-21, 2005

Institution: The University of Montana - Missoula

Program Title: Master of Public Health

Level II proposals require approval by the Board of Regents.

**Level II action requested (check all that apply):** Level II proposals entail substantive additions to, alterations in, or termination of programs, structures, or administrative or academic entities typically characterized by the (a) addition, reassignment, or elimination of personnel, facilities, or courses of instruction; (b) rearrangement of budgets, cost centers, funding sources; and (c) changes which by implication could impact other campuses within the Montana University System and community colleges. Board policy 303.1 indicates the curricular proposals in this category:

- 1. Change names of degrees (e.g. from B.A. to B.F.A.)
- 2. Implement a new minor where there is no major;
- 3. Establish new degrees and add majors to existing degrees;
- 4. Expand/extend approved mission; and
- 5. Any other changes in governance and organization as described in Board of Regents' Policy 218, such as formation, elimination or consolidation of a college, division, school, department, institute, bureau, center, station, laboratory, or similar unit.

### **Specify Request:**

The University of Montana - Missoula requests approval of a program of graduate study leading to a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree and a Certificate in Public Health. Required courses will be provided via distance learning as will some electives. Based in the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, this interdisciplinary degree will train public health professionals who are competent to address the challenges resulting from the intersection of rural and global health issues.