

MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

ITEM 126-1011-R0105

Institution: The University of Montana - Missoula

Program Title: Master of Public Health

1. How does this program advance the campus' academic mission and fit priorities?

The highly interdisciplinary Master of Public Health program will provide distance-learning-based professional training designed to graduate practitioners who are competent to address the challenges resulting from the intersection of rural and global health issues. In addition, the MPH faculty will conduct public health research around issues important to Montana, the nation, and the world.

2. How does this program fit the Board of Regents' goals and objectives?

This program will assist in meeting four Regental goals by 1) delivering a much needed graduate degree program primarily via distance learning (B2 and C2), 2) by providing public health training around the unique population health problems of Native Americans (C4), 3) by responding to a significant demand for graduate education in public health (D1), 4 by conducting research on public health problems in Montana (D2), and by focusing on community based research (E1).

3. How does this program support or advance Montana's needs and interests?

This program will address current and forecasted needs for graduate education in public health. Its focus on rural population health problems will assist in promoting improvement in the health of the people of Montana. Finally, its faculty will conduct research into public health problems in the state.

4. How will this program contribute to economic development in Montana? (Note projected annual economic impact both regionally and statewide.)

Program graduates will be qualified to fill forecasted vacancies in public health agencies at the local, state, and federal levels in Montana. In addition, research contracts and grants will provide opportunities for employment.

5. What is the program's planned capacity?

• Break-even point?	43	FTE students
• Enrollments / year?	69	
• Graduates / year?	35	
• MT jobs / year?	35	

6. Resource Allocation:

• Total program budget?	\$317,419 expenditures
• Faculty FTE?	4.0
• Staff FTE?	.5

7. Does this program require new resources? x Yes No

If yes, what is the amount? \$ 317,419

8. How will the campus fund the program?

Tuition from students enrolled in the program plus super tuition in the amount of \$150 per credit hour will be levied.

9. If internal reallocation is necessary, name the sources.

No internal reallocation is required for this program.