

MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS

LEVEL II REQUEST FORM

Item No.: 126-301-R0305 Date of Meeting: March 17-18, 2005
Institution: Flathead Valley Community College
Program Title: Surgical Technology AAS Degree

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:

Flathead Valley Community College seeks approval from the Montana Board of Regents to convert the currently approved Level I Surgical Technology Certificate to an approved Level II AAS Degree.

The Association of Surgical Technologists states that the associate degree is the preferred academic credential for entry-level surgical technology practitioners. The increasing responsibilities demand a more broadly based preparatory curriculum with greater foundation in both medical sciences and liberal arts. FVCC has aligned the Surgical Technology AAS Degree with similar programs in Montana.