

MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS

LEVEL II REQUEST FORM

Item No.: 128-2003-R0705 Date of Meeting: July 14–15, 2005
Institution: Montana State University–Bozeman
Program Title: Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Certificate Program

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 or certificate where there is no major or no option in a 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:

Montana State University – Bozeman seeks approval from the Montana Board of Regents to offer a Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Certificate Program.

The proposed program of courses has been designed a.) to fulfill the science requirements of all 126 medical schools, (b) to offer an efficient timetable toward completion of the courses while preparing the post-baccalaureate candidate for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) or Dental Admission Test (DAT), and (c) to present a pedagogical logic in its sequence. Post-baccalaureate students completing 36 of the 45 credits available will be awarded the Certificate at the completion of their studies.

The proposed curriculum provides cohesion to the collection of courses required for medical school and lends itself well to describing this option both to candidates and the professional schools. The courses and intensive pre-med advising for students in this certificate program would be the same as currently offered to students in our undergraduate curricula for students preparing to enter the medical professions.