

MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS

LEVEL II REQUEST FORM

Item No.: 128-2801-R0705 Date of Meeting: July 14-15, 2005
Institution: Montana State University - Northern
Program Title: Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electrical Technology

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 Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University-Northern to award the Associate of Applied Science degree in Electrical Technology.

The proposed Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electrical Technology is designed to satisfy part of the training and instructional requirements of a traditional apprenticeship in the field. Because the proposed Electrical Technology degree was developed with the assistance of the Department of Labor and an electrical advisory board made up of independent and union electricians from the state of Montana, it is expected that students who complete the degree will satisfy two years of the four-year apprenticeship period required of licensed journeymen electricians.

Although the Electrical Technology degree will be a traditional on-site, face-to-face program, Montana State University-Northern also plans to develop distance delivery courses for apprentice candidates who need additional coursework as part of their training and electrical apprentices currently employed in the field.