

# Montana University System

## PROGRAM REVIEW

Institution: **Great Falls College Montana State University**

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Program Years: **2018-2019**

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### List of the programs reviewed:

#### 2018-2019

- Associate of Science
  - Associate of Arts
  - General Studies Certificate
  - Paramedic Associate of Applied Science
  - EMT/Pre-Paramedic Certificate of Technical Studies
  - Welding Technology & Fabrication Certificate of Applied Science
  - Welding Technology & Fabrication Associate of Applied Science
  - Welding & Fabrication Tier 1 Certificate of Technical Studies
  - Welding & Fabrication Tier 3 Certificate of Technical Studies
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### Decision(s) concerning the future of the program(s), based on the program review criteria established at the campus:

#### 2018-2019

##### **Associate of Science:**

This program was approved for continuance with expectation for sustained performance.

**Associate of Arts:** This program was approved for continuance with expectation for sustained performance.

##### **General Studies Certificate:**

This program was approved for continuance with expectation for sustained performance.

##### **Paramedic Associate of Applied Science :**

This program was approved for continuance with expectation for sustained performance.

##### **EMT/Pre-Paramedic Certificate of Technical Studies:**

This program was recommended for discontinuance.

##### **Welding Technology & Fabrication Certificate of Applied Science:**

This program was approved for continuance with expectation for sustained performance.

##### **Welding Technology & Fabrication Associate of Applied Science:**

This program was approved for continuance with expectation for sustained performance.

**Welding & Fabrication Tier 3 Certificate of Technical Studies:** This program was approved for continuance with expectation for sustained performance.

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**Rationale or justification for the decision based on the program review process established on the campus. Include graduation numbers and student majors for each of the last five (5) years for every program under review.**

### 2018-2019

#### Associate of Science:

- The program supports the Core Theme of Transfer Preparation.
- Many of the courses that comprise the program are necessary for completion of workforce programs.
- The AS degree earned a score of 81 (top 20% of all programs).
- The program showed strong performance in the highest weighted areas: degree production and retention.
- The program has strong enrollment numbers.

Graduation Numbers for each of the last five years				
2014 - 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019
64	56	51	68	57

#### Associate of Arts:

- The program supports the Core Theme of Transfer Preparation.
- Many of the courses that comprise the degree are necessary for completion of workforce programs.
- The AA degree earned a score of 78 (high in the top 40% of all programs).
- The program showed strong performance in the highest weighted areas: degree production and retention.
- The program has strong enrollment numbers.

Graduation Numbers for each of the last five years				
2014 - 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019
59	44	53	50	67

#### General Studies Certificate:

- The program supports the Core Theme of Transfer Preparation.
- The courses that comprise the General Studies Certificate program are the basis for both the AA and AS degrees, so the “core” is a stackable credential for both degrees.
- Many of the courses that comprise the General Studies Certificate program are necessary for completion of workforce programs.
- The program provides a momentum point toward completion of the AA and AS degrees.

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Graduation Numbers for each of the last five years				
2014 - 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019
9	6	16	15	24

#### Paramedic Associate of Applied Science:

- Although declining enrollment is a concern, wages are relatively high.
- This program has strong retention, strong wages, and community need.

Graduation Numbers for each of the last five years				
2014 - 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019
11	11	6	6	7

#### EMT/Pre-Paramedic Certificate of Technical Studies:

- This program has a low overall score and low scores in degrees and retention rates.
- Students are declaring the program for financial aid but not completing because all they really want to do is finish the EMT course, ECP 131. Note that students will still be able to obtain financial aid if the program is discontinued.
- The ECP 131 course should be continued.

Graduation Numbers for each of the last five years				
2014 - 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019
9	5	10	6	4

#### Welding Technology & Fabrication Certificate of Applied Science:

- Total program score is 78, just below top 20%.
- The program is strong on degrees granted and retention.
- Financial data cannot be separated from the other welding programs.

Note: The committee is concerned about the significant decline in enrollment over the past few years.

Graduation Numbers for each of the last five years				
2014 - 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019
45	45	52	22	30

#### Welding Technology & Fabrication Associate of Applied Science:

- Insufficient performance data based on only one year of available data.
- Financial data cannot be separated from the other welding programs.
- The Committee is concerned with the sharp decline in enrollments in the pipeline for both programs.

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- Recommend continuation with CAO's discretion to evaluate the program when deemed appropriate.

Graduation Numbers for each of the last five years				
2014 - 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019
N/A	N/A	N/A	3	6

#### **Welding & Fabrication Tier 1 Certificate of Technical Studies:**

- This is a stackable credential.
- Is a momentum point for students to continue their education.
- Financial data cannot be separated from the other Welding programs.

Graduation Numbers for each of the last five years				
2014 - 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019
N/A	62	47	24	31

#### **Welding & Fabrication Tier 3 Certificate of Technical Studies:**

- Insufficient performance data based on only one year of available data.
- Financial data cannot be separated from the other Welding programs.
- The Committee is concerned with the sharp decline in enrollments in the pipeline for both programs.
- Recommend continuation with CAO's discretion to evaluate the program when deemed appropriate.

Graduation Numbers for each of the last five years				
2014 - 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019
N/A	N/A	N/A	3	6