Montana Board of Regents  
ACADEMIC PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

ITEM XXX-XXXX-XXXX Submission Month or Meeting: ________________________________

Institution: Montana State University CIP Code: ________________________________

Program/Center/Institute Title: Accelerated Baccalaureate in Nursing Option Expansion to Missoula and Kalispell

Includes (please specify below): Online Offering Options Distance delivery from Missoula <-> Kalispell; Interactive Video; Clinical learning experiences in home community

Please mark the appropriate type of request and submit with an Item Template and any additional materials, including those listed in parentheses following the type of request. For more information pertaining to the types of requests listed below, how to complete an item request, or additional forms please visit http://mus.edu/che/arsa/preparingacademicproposals.asp.

A. Level I:

Campus Approvals

1a. Placing a program into moratorium (Program Termination and Moratorium Form)

1b. Withdrawing a program from moratorium

2. Adding, re-titling, terminating or revising a campus Certificate of 29 credits or less

3. Adding a BAS/AA/AS Area of Study

4. Offering an existing program via distance or online delivery X

OCHE Approvals

5. Re-titling an existing postsecondary educational program

6. Terminating an existing postsecondary educational program (Program Termination and Moratorium Form)

7. Consolidating existing postsecondary educational programs (Curriculum Proposal Form)

8. Adding a new minor where there is a major or an option in a major (Curriculum Proposal Form)

9. Revising a program (Curriculum Proposal Form)

10. Adding a temporary Certificate or AAS Degree Program Approval limited to 2 years
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B. Level II:

1. Establishing a new postsecondary educational program  [Curriculum Proposal and Completed Intent to Plan Form]

2. Exceeding the 120 credit maximum for baccalaureate degrees  Exception to policy 301.11

3. Forming, eliminating or consolidating a college, division, school, department, institute, bureau, center, station, laboratory or similar unit  [Curriculum or Center/Institute Proposal and Completed Intent to Plan Form, except when eliminating or consolidating]

4. Re-titling a college, division, school, department, institute, bureau, center, station, laboratory or similar unit

Specify Request:

The College of Nursing at Montana State University is seeking approval to offer the existing accelerated baccalaureate in nursing (ABSN) option in Missoula and Kalispell. We seek to place 8 students in each community. We currently admit 16 ABSN students per year to the Bozeman campus and 16 students per year to the Great Falls campus. The existing ABSN option provides opportunities for individuals who have already earned a bachelor’s degree in an academic discipline other than nursing to be able to accelerate the time it takes to complete a second degree in nursing. Instead of taking 29 months to complete the BSN in the traditional program, ABSN students are able to complete the degree requirements in 15 months.