

Montana University System
PROGRAM REVIEW

Institution: Great Falls College Montana State University (GFC MSU)

Program Years: 2012-2013

List of the programs reviewed:

- Emergency Medical Services Associate of Applied Science EMT Paramedic and EMT Intermediate 99 Certificate of Applied Science
 - Interior Design Associate of Applied Science
 - Medical Billing and Coding Specialist Associate of Applied Science & Medical Billing Specialist Certificate of Applied Science
 - Associate of Science & Associate of Arts
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Decision(s) concerning the future of the program(s), based on the program review criteria established at the campus:

Please see the attached detailed individual Internal Program Review Committee summaries.

Rationale or justification for the decision based on the program review process established at the campus. Include graduation numbers and student majors for each of the last seven (7) years for every program under review.

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Program Years: 2012-2013

List of the programs reviewed:

**Emergency Medical Services Associate of Applied Science Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic (EMT-P) and
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate 99 (EMT I-99) Certificate of Applied Science**

Decision(s) concerning the future of the program(s), based on the program review criteria established at the campus:

The Internal Program Review Committee at GFCMSU recommends to the Board of Regents the continuation of the Emergency Services Associate of Applied Science EMT Paramedic.

The Internal Program Review Committee at GFCMSU recommends to the Board of Regents the current Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Applied Science EMT I-99 be terminated. The EMT I-99 credential was eliminated at the state level and there is no longer a need for the CAS.

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The Emergency Medical Services Associate of Applied Science EMT-P was reviewed by the Internal Program Review Committee with the following commendations and recommendations:

Commendations:

1. The Committee commends the program for successfully attaining accreditation.
2. The Committee commends the program for its outreach efforts to the region, serving not only Great Falls, but branching out to other communities as well.
3. The Committee commends the program for its excellent pass rates on the national certification examination.
4. The Committee commends the program for its competitive intake process, raising the qualifications of applicants.
5. The Committee commends the Program Director for his relationship with colleagues in the Great Falls area and in particular for his efforts to help increase the starting wages for paramedics.

Recommendations

1. The Committee recommends the EMT I-99 CAS program be terminated. The EMT I-99 credential was eliminated at the state level.
2. The Committee recommends a formal plan be put in place to increase enrollments. Numbers need to increase to support additional full-time faculty lines.

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Year	Program Enrollment	Number of Graduates
2006-07	34	4
2007-08	38	1
2008-09	33	12
2009-10	32	2
2010-11	27	2
2011-12	21	4
2012-13	28	12

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List of the programs reviewed:

Interior Design Associate of Applied Science

Decision(s) concerning the future of the program(s), based on the program review criteria established at the campus:

The GFCMSU Internal Program Review Committee recommends to the Board of Regents the continuation of the Interior Design Associate of Applied Science Program.

Rationale or justification for the decision based on the program review process established at the campus. Include graduation numbers and student majors for each of the last seven (7) years for every program under review.

Commendations

1. The Committee commends the program for providing a valuable credential for military spouses to take with them if transferred.
2. The Committee commends the program for its NKBA accreditation.
3. The Committee commends the program for its student placement at national NKBA competitions.
4. The Committee commends the program for its well qualified and dedicated faculty.
5. The Committee commends the program for its modes of delivery and software programs that correspond directly with industry standards.

Recommendations

1. The Committee recommends the Program Director work with the Division Director to formally investigate "downsizing" the program, creating a CAS rather than an AAS.
2. The Committee recommends a formal plan be created to explore means to better match the number of graduates to the number of job openings (e.g., match supply and demand).

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Year	Program Enrollment	Number of Graduates
2006-07	45	13
2007-08	43	12
2008-09	38	3
2009-10	34	9
2010-11	26	8
2011-12	23	9
2012-13	17	6

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List of the programs reviewed:

Medical Billing and Coding Specialist Associate of Applied Science & Medical Billing Specialist Certificate of Applied Science

Decision(s) concerning the future of the program(s), based on the program review criteria established at the campus:

The GFCMSU Internal Program Review Committee recommends to the Board of Regents the continuation of the Medical Billing and Coding Specialist Associate of Applied Science & Medical Billing Specialist Certificate of Applied Science.

Rationale or justification for the decision based on the program review process established at the campus. Include graduation numbers and student majors for each of the last seven (7) years for every program under review.

Commendations

1. The Committee commends the Program Director for her excellent use of limited resources for two programs.
2. The Committee commends the program for utilizing the modes of delivery and software programs that correspond effectively with industry standards.
3. The Committee commends the program for retention rates that are high for both full time and part time students in both programs.

Recommendation

1. The Committee recommends the Program Director develop a formal improvement plan to address the low graduation and placement rates for both programs.

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Year	Program Enrollment	Number of Graduates
2006-07	5	4
2007-08	5	7
2008-09	25	1
2009-10	64	1
2010-11	66	3
2011-12	78	3
2012-13	67	18

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List of the programs reviewed:

Associate of Science & Associate of Arts

Decision(s) concerning the future of the program(s), based on the program review criteria established at the campus:

The GFCMSU Internal Program Review Committee recommends to the Board of Regents the continuation of the Associate of Science & Associate of Arts Programs.

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Commendations

1. The Committee commends the Division for hiring more faculty lines, a new director and an assistant director in the past year.
2. The Committee commends the Division for its significant increase in enrollment and degrees granted in the past two academic years.
3. The Committee commends the Division for increasing dual enrollments.
4. The Committee commends the Division for its responsiveness to a shift in the mission of its division.
5. The Committee commends the Division for removing unessential courses from the catalog.
6. The Committee commends the Division for coordinating course offerings with other divisions.

Recommendations

1. The Committee recommends the exploration of a plan that supports dually enrolled students to complete the first year of the AA or AS upon graduation from high school.
2. The Committee recommends the exploration of a position to support the part-time faculty members.

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Year	Program Enrollment	Number of Graduates
2006-07	494	30
2007-08	464	27
2008-09	482	53
2009-10	494	66
2010-11	600	50
2011-12	636	123
2012-13	831	168