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INTENT TO PLAN FORM

Program/Center/Institute Title: College of Health Sciences

Campus, School/Department: Montana State University Northern        Expected Submission Date: Sept 2016

Contact Name/Info: Dr. William J. Rugg, Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

To increase communication, collaboration, and problem solving opportunities throughout the MUS in the program/center/institute development process, please complete this form not more than 18 months in advance of the anticipated date of submission of the proposed program/center/institute to the Board of Regents for approval. The completed form should not be more than 2-3 pages. For more information regarding the Intent to Plan process, please visit http://mus.edu/ch/arsa/preparingacademicproposals.asp.

1) Provide a description of the program/center/institute.

Name: College of Health Sciences

Purpose: MSU Northern is proposing the formation of a College of Health Sciences to incorporate Nursing Programs, Allied Health Programs, and Health Promotion Programs into one cohesive college with similar goals and functions.

2) Describe the need for the program/center/institute. Specifically, how the program/center/institute meets current student and workforce demands. (Please cite sources).

A nationwide nursing shortage has prompted increasing allied health and health promotion careers in order to serve the needs of the public via work force ready certifications and degrees.

The MSU Northern’s TAACCCT 4 Health Care Needs Assessment identified that Allied Health Programs (EMS, Lab Science, and Nursing Informatics) were needed across the Hi-Line of Montana.

3) Describe how the program/center/institute fits with the institutional mission, strategic plan, and existing institutional program array.

Nursing, Allied Health, and Health Promotion are all health care disciplines of study that serve the public. These three disciplines of health care help to develop a collaborative approach to the inter-professional health areas and service needs of the communities that Northern serves.

The disciplines of study will share common courses related to health care in their programs. In this way students will have a variety of pathways to earn certifications and degrees.

Inter-professional health care creates a sense of team work in the classroom. This team work approach demonstrates competent and cost effective care.
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4) How does the proposed program/center/institute fit within the MUS system?

The Nursing, Allied Health, and Health Promotion graduates of MSU Northern will have an additional opportunity to continue their education to pursue a MS in Health Sciences within the Montana university system. The intent of the MS in Health Sciences program at Bozeman is to provide students with an opportunity to diversify or further enhance their educational foundation through graduate education that can be applied to any of several career paths in the health care field. The program supports and formalizes the educational endeavors of MSU graduates, Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Certificate students, and non-certificate students who attend MSU to better prepare for matriculation into health care-related professional schools.

Other programs that may offer a similar course include the following:

- U of M = College of Education and Human Sciences has a Health and Human Performance Program
- U of M = College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences = Public and Community Health Sciences
- MSU Bozeman = College of Education, Health & Human Development = Health & Human Development (exercise science)
- MSU Billings = College of Allied Health Professions = Health Administration, Health and Human Performance, Athletic Training, Rehabilitation and Human Services
- City College Billings = Health and Safety Programs = Nursing & Health Occupations (Medical Administrative Assistant, Medical Coding & Insurance Billing, Paramedic, Practical Nurse, Registered Nurse, Radiology Technology, Surgical Technology)
- Great Falls College = Healthcare Programs = Dental Assistant (C), Dental Hygiene (A.A.S.), EMT/Pre-Paramedic (C), Health Information Coding Specialist (C), Health Information Technology (A.A.S.), Medical Assistant (A.A.S.), Paramedic (A.A.S.), Pharmacy Technician (C), Phlebotomy/Pre-medical Assistant (C), Physical Therapist Assistant (A.A.S.), Practical Nurse (A.A.S.), Registered Nurse (A.S.), Respiratory Care (A.A.S.), Surgical Technology (A.A.S.)
- Missoula College U of M = Health Professions Department = Medical Assisting, Nursing, Pharmacy Technology, Radiology Technology, Respiratory Care, Surgical Technology
- Bitterroot College = Health Professions Programs = Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN), Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Registered Nursing (RN), Associate of Science (AS), Medical Assisting Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Pharmacy Technology Certificate of Applied Science (C.A.S.), Radiologic Technologist Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Respiratory Care Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Surgical Technology Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Continuing Education Programs [Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Program, Countrywide Phlebotomy Program offered by Bitterroot College]
- Montana Tech = College of Letters, Sciences and Professional Studies = Health Care Informatics and Nursing
- Highlands College = Health Programs Department = Medical Assisting (A.A.S.), Radiologic Technology (A.A.S.), Surgical Technology (A.A.S.), Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- University of Montana Western = no healthcare programs
- Helena College University of Montana = Nursing Programs (LPN and ASN), Office Technology (Medical Assisting, Computer Skills Specialist, Legal Support Specialist, Medical Administrative Specialist, Administrative Office Management Specialist)
- Dawson Community College = no healthcare programs, undergrad prerequisites only to transfer
- Flathead Valley Community College = Healthcare Programs = EMT Certificate, Health Information Technology Certificate, Healthcare Informatics Associate, Nursing Associates, Phlebotomy licensure training
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- Miles Community College = Nursing and other Healthcare Programs = A.S. Healthcare Informatics, A.S. Medical Laboratory Technician, C. Phlebotomy, C. Phlebotomy Technician
- Carroll College = Nursing
- Salish Kootenai = ASN and BSN
- Aaniiih Nakoda College = Plans to start first ASN Nursing Cohort Fall 2017

Within the MSU and UM systems, there is no known substantial duplication.

No other education institution in the state has a College of Health Sciences. No other education institution in the state has a combination of EMS, Phlebotomy, Nursing Informatics and Nursing.

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