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June 29, 2026

To: Chief Academic Officers

From: Joe Thiel
Deputy Commissioner for Academic, Research, and Student Affairs

RE: Approval of June 2026 Academic Items

The following June 2026 academic items have been approved:

LEVEL I ITEMS:

The University of Montana:

- Notification of retitling the Certificate of Technical Studies in Construction Helper to Building Construction Basics
[Item #1001-LI0626](#)
- Notification to retitle the Big Data Analytics Certificate the Data Analytics Certificate
[Item #1003-LI0626](#)

Dawson Community College:

- Request to establish a Certificate of Technical Studies in Education: Parapathways
[Item #201-LI0626](#)
- Request to establish a Certificate of Technical Studies in Criminal Justice: Reserve Peace Officer
[Item #202-LI0626](#)

Montana State University Northern:

- Notification of updated modality classification for Med in Counselor Education
[Item #2801-LI0626](#)
- Request to place MSED Instruction and Learning program into moratorium
[Item #2802-LI0626](#)
- Request to establish campus certificate of 29 credits or less in Geospatial Technology
[Item #2803-LI0626](#)
- Request to establish a Career Certificate in Graphic Design
[Item #2804-LI0626](#)

LEVEL II ITEMS:

The University of Montana:

- Request authorization to establish a BS in Wildlife Biology with concentration in Integrated Aquatic/Terrestrial
[Item #1002-LI0626](#)



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph W. Thiel". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joe Thiel
Deputy Commissioner for Academic, Research, and Student Affairs