



MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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June 6, 2025

To: Chief Academic Officers

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

RE: Approval of May 2025 Academic Items

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The following May 2025 academic items have been approved:

LEVEL I ITEMS:

1. Campus Approvals

**Montana Technological University**

- Notice of the establishment of a 10-credit graduate/post bac certificate in Extractive Metallurgy  
[Item #1503-LI0525](#)

**Flathead Valley Community College**

- Notification of placing the Goldsmithing and 3D Jewelry Design program into moratorium  
[Item #305-LI0525](#)

2. OCHE Approvals

**University of Montana**

- a. Request for authorization to terminate the Concentrations in the MS in Integrative Physiology  
[Item #1001-LI0725](#)

**Flathead Valley Community College**

- Request to terminate the Brewing Science and Brewery Operations AAS and CTS  
[Item #301-LI0525](#)
- Request to terminate the CTS in Geospatial Technology  
[Item #302-LI0525](#)
- Request to retitle the Web Technology AAS to Web Design and Development AAS  
[Item #303-LI0525](#)
- Request to terminate the Agriculture and Food Systems AAS  
[Item #304-LI0525](#)
- Request to terminate the Nondestructive Testing CAS program  
[Item #306-LI0525](#)
- Request to terminate the Welding and Inspection Technology AAS program  
[Item #307-LI0525](#)

LEVEL II ITEMS:



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**Montana Technological University:**

- Request for authorization to establish an Associate of Applied Science and a Certificate of Applied Science in Mining Technology  
[Item #1501-LII0525](#)
- Request for authorization to establish a Certificate of Applied Science in Correctional Secure Care and Behavioral Health  
[Item #1502-LII0525](#)

**University of Montana**

- Request for authorization to form the Indigenous Research and STEM Education Center  
[Item #1002-LII0725](#)

Sincerely,

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

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