

# Big Sky Pathways

Helena College University of Montana, a comprehensive two-year college, provides access to and support of lifelong educational opportunities to a diverse community. Programs offerings include:

- Associate of Arts, General Transfer
- Associate of Science, General Transfer
- Accounting; Business Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Computer-Aided Manufacturing
- Computer Technology
- Diesel Technology
- Fire and Rescue
- Geoscience Technology
- Interior Space Planning and Design
- Metals Technology
- Nursing Programs
- Office Technology
- Welding Technology

In partnership with Universities:

- AS Business Administration
- BAS Business
- BS Business & Information Technology
- AAS Early Childhood Education
- BS Secondary Education Industrial Technology
- BS Criminal Justice
- BS Health Administration

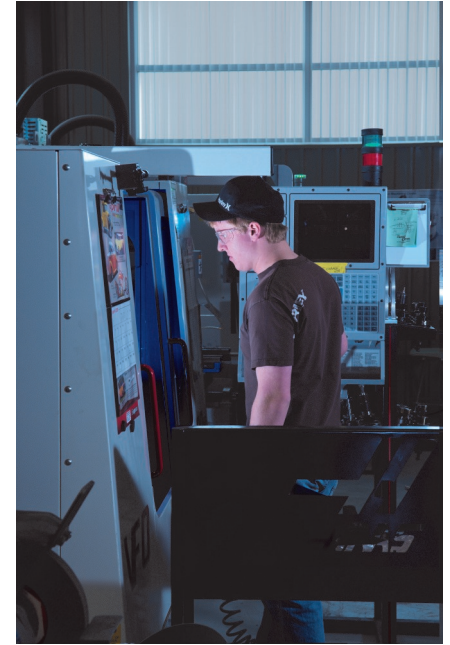
Plus, numerous Continuing Education Opportunities, Online and On Campus

**Big Sky Pathways** helps students select the courses that lead seamlessly to college and careers.

The pathways developed by Helena College and its partner schools:

- 1) Guide students into taking the right courses in high school so they can move quickly to a college degree;
- 2) Ensure that students learn something new in each class without repeating information already learned;
- 3) Give students opportunities to earn college credit while in high school;
- 4) Lead to job-related credentials, certificates, or degrees; and
- 5) Focus on preparing students for high-demand, high-pay jobs with the skills that employers need.

*During the 2014-15 school year, Helena College will work with high schools to develop new pathways, such as Mental Health Direct Care, which will allow students to begin taking appropriate dual credit courses in this field; find high-demand jobs after earning a two-year degree; or transfer to a university.*



## What are Pathways and Programs of Study?

**Pathway** refers to the plan that helps students take the right courses from high school through college that lead to a career: such as a pathway to "Registered Nursing."

A **Program of Study** is an agreement between a high school and a college that lists suggested high school courses, advanced learning opportunities, and college courses required to earn a credential for entry into a specific career.

Students should ask counselors if their high school has a *Pathway* to a their chosen careers and take courses listed in that *Program of Study*.

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**2013-2014 Pathways**

Business and Finance

- Small Business Mgmt
- Accounting

Transportation

- Automotive Technology

Advanced Manufacturing

- Welding
- Computer-Aided Manufacturing

**2014-2015 Pathways**

Law, Security, Public

Safety, Corrections, Security

- Fire and Rescue
- Legal Support Specialist
- Criminal Justice

Information Technology

- Computer Programming
- Networking

Health Science

- Practical Nursing
- Registered Nursing
- Medical Admin Specialist
- Mental Health Direct Care

Transportation (If possible)

- Aviation Maintenance
- Diesel Mechanics

**Participating Schools:**

- Broadwater HS
- Capital HS
- Drummond HS
- Helena HS
- Jefferson HS
- Great Falls CMR
- Great Falls HS
- Lincoln HS
- Powell County HS
- Three Forks HS

# The College Credit Advantage



**Tuition Savings**

By taking dual credit or college-credit only courses (either on-campus or online), high school students can earn three college credits for as little as \$147.38, which is \$265.12 less than a high school graduate would pay for the same credits. Students register through their high school counselors.

**Dual Credit Opportunities in Helena College’s Current Big Sky Pathways**

Helena College has *Pathways* in Accounting and Small Business Management, in partnership with Capital, Helena, Broadwater, Lincoln, and Jefferson High Schools. In some *Programs of Study* that lead to an AAS in Accounting, students can earn up to 24 college credits while still in high school, completing over 1/3 of a 66-credit degree.

Math	English	Major	Other
M121 or STAT 216	WRIT101 or WRIT121; and COMX 111 (Public Speaking)	ACTG 101; BGEN 105 (Intro to Business)	CAPP 156 (Excel); ECNS 201 & 202, or 203; and PSYX 100
3 credits	6 credits	6 credits	9 credits

Helena College developed Programs of Study in Automotive Technology with Great Falls, Helena, Drummond, and Jefferson High Schools that included 6 credits of dual enrollment courses and ideas for job-shadowing.

For Welding and Computer-Aided Manufacturing, in addition to dual credit courses in writing, mathematics, computers, and science (6 credits of which are required in the college programs), welding and CAM students will now have the opportunity to earn up to 5 credits in courses specific to the programs.

Helena College’s Programs of Study are available on this webpage: <http://www.umhelena.edu/admissions/enrollment/careerpathways.aspx>.

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