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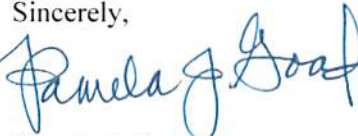
Dear Provost and Vice Chancellor Rugg:

This is in reply to your correspondence dated January 21, 2015, and received in this office on January 26, 2015, requesting approval from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) for Montana State University – Northern to offer a Certificate of Applied Science program for Diesel Technology as a Tier I stackable credential as part of the Strengthening Workforce Alignment in Montana’s Manufacturing and Energy Industries (SWAMMEI) Grant Project. The certificate program requires 35 credits to completion and builds upon the University’s existing Associate of Applied Science and Bachelor of Science degree programs in Diesel Technology. A portion of the curriculum for the certificate program will be delivered in an online instructional modality.

The Commission has approved the offering of the Certificate of Applied Science program for Diesel Technology as a *minor change* under Commission Policy, *Substantive Change*. Accordingly, the Certificate of Applied Science program for Diesel Technology is now included under the accreditation of the Montana State University – Northern.

The upgrade of the prerequisite entrance requirements for the University’s existing Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree program will be filed in the institution’s folder.

Thank you for keeping the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities apprised of the developments and initiatives at Montana State University – Northern. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Pamela J. Goad
Vice President

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