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FAST FACTS

Flathead Valley Community College Mission

Flathead Valley Community College promotes excellence in lifelong learning, focused on student success and community needs.

Flathead Valley Community College was established in 1967 as a result of collaborative efforts by local citizens supporting students and employers to provide higher education without leaving Northwest Montana.
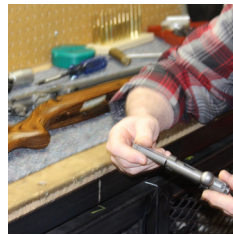The Lincoln County Campus in Libby was established in 1984.

FVCC is governed by a locally elected board of trustees.

SOLVING MONTANA'S WORKFORCE CHALLENGES

Paramedicine

- FVCC is addressing the state-wide shortage of first responders by providing paramedicine education to Miles Community College and the Blackfeet Nation. Individuals in Miles City and Browning can earn their Associate of Applied Science Degree in Paramedicine from FVCC without leaving their community.

Nursing and Health Sciences Programs

- FVCC is addressing the nursing shortage in Northwest Montana by providing registered nursing (RN), practical nursing (PN), and certified nursing assistant (CNA) programs.

- The Medical Lab Technician (MLT) program at FVCC offers online instruction to support training and clinical education of medical lab technicians across the state. The program allows students to remain in their active hospital employment roles while working toward their degree.

Business Partnerships

- FVCC works closely with business partners Applied Materials and Nomad GCS to support the manufacturing workforce.

- FVCC uses employer input to develop workforce education programs such as advanced manufacturing, industrial machine technology, electronics technician and welding technology.

Firearms

- In 2015, FVCC developed the Firearms Technology program to meet the needs of local firearms manufacturers. Students in this program receive a C.A.S. or A.A.S. degree in Firearms Technology. Graduates are prepared to fill positions in the firearms industry.

Welding

- Students at Columbia Falls High School can earn a Certificate of Technical Studies (CTS) in Welding Technology from FVCC through dual enrollment, allowing high school students to graduate with their Welding Technology certificate and enter the workforce.

Apprenticeships

- Students work for local employers and receive credit toward their degrees through FVCC Apprenticeship programs.

- Appreticeships include HVAC and Refrigeration Apprentice, Electrical Apprentice, and Pre-Nursing in addition to a non-credit Carpenter Apprenticeship sponsored by Swank Enterprises.

Onsite Workforce Education

- FVCC brings workforce training directly to the jobsite for companies such as Glacier Paving by providing English as a Second Language (ESL) Training.

Small Business Development Center

FVCC operates a regional Small Business Development Center (SBDC), focused on supporting business growth through entrepreneurial, start-up, and current business assistance. The Kalispell Center serves Flathead, Lincoln, and Lake counties.
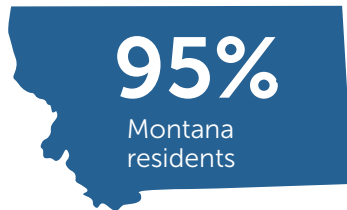
Customized Workforce Training

FVCC partners with area businesses to create customized pathways for workforce training to support hiring, retention, and professional development.

FVCC is developing micro-pathways to upskill employees to meet the needs of employers

FVCC offers unique classes for local businesses connecting employees with training to upskill, reskill and cross-train the local workforce.

STUDENT RESIDENCY

95%
Montana residents

80%
live in Flathead and Lincoln counties (in-district)

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Fiscal Year 2022 | 3,080 students
Full time | 17%   Part time | 83%

MEETING THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS

80+
Degrees and customized transfer tracks to meet Montana's workforce needs

FVCC and Montana University System's (MUS) Common Course Numbering and articulation agreements provide seamless transfer for students

80%
of FVCC students need financial assistance

FVCC's career and technical education (CTE) programs build hands-on skills to link students with career pathways and meet the needs of Montana's employers.

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FVCC Career & Technical Education Programs

92%
of FVCC Career & Technical Education graduates obtain local jobs

Average Montana wages for some of FVCC's career programs*

$**73,000**
Nurses

$**60,000**
Radiologic Technicians

$**62,000**
Surveyors

$**50,000**
CDL Truck Drivers

* Montana Dept. of Labor & Industry 2021

RUNNING START
FVCC
Dual Enrollment
Fall semester 2022

Partnering with K-12 schools

Served	Partnered with
817 Running Start Students	**20** High Schools Offering FVCC Courses

$**260K+**
saved by high school students earning dual credit in FY22