

# Accreditation

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## Regional Accreditation

Great Falls College MSU is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) (<http://www.nwccu.org>). Accreditation of an institution of higher education by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality evaluated through a peer review process. An accredited college or university is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation.

Accreditation by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities is not partial but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution.

Inquiries regarding an institution's accredited status by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. Individuals may also contact:

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities  
8060 165th Avenue N.E., Suite 100  
Redmond, WA 98052  
425.558.4224  
[www.nwccu.org](http://www.nwccu.org) (<http://www.nwccu.org>)

Detailed information may be found in the Accreditation (<http://www.gfcmsu.edu/about/accreditation>) section of the website.

## Program Accreditation

### Dental Assisting

Accredited by the American Dental Association  
Commission on Dental Accreditation  
211 East Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Tel 312.440.4653

### Dental Hygiene

Accredited by the American Dental Association  
Commission on Dental Accreditation  
211 East Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Tel 312.440.4653

### Paramedic

Accredited through Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)  
25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158  
Clearwater, FL 33756  
Tel 727.210.2350  
Fax 727.210.2354  
<http://www.caahep.org>  
[mail@caahep.org](mailto:mail@caahep.org)

In collaboration with Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP)  
8301 Lakeview Parkway Suite 111-312

Rowlett, TX 75088  
Tel 214.703.8445  
Fax 214.703.8992  
<http://coaemsp.org>

### Health Information Coding Specialist

This program is approved by:  
American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)  
Assembly on Education  
233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 2150  
Chicago, IL 60601-5800  
Tel 312.233.1100

### Health Information Technology

Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics & Information Management Education (CAHIIM)  
233 N. Michigan Ave, 21st Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601-5800  
[info@cahiim.org](mailto:info@cahiim.org)

### Medical Assisting

The Great Falls College MSU Medical Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB).  
CAAHEP  
25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158  
Clearwater, FL 33763  
727.210.2350

### Physical Therapist Assistant

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)  
American Physical Therapy Association  
1111 North Fairfax Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
[accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org)  
Tel 703.684.2782 or 703.706.3245

### Practical Nurse Program

Approved by the Montana State Board of Nursing  
301 South Park, Room 430  
PO Box 200513 Helena, MT 59620-0513  
Tel 406.841.2300 Receptionist

### Registered Nurse Program

Approved by the Montana State Board of Nursing  
301 South Park, Room 430  
PO Box 200513 Helena, MT 59620-0513  
Tel 406.841.2300 Receptionist

### Respiratory Care

Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)  
1248 Harwood Road  
Bedford, TX 76021-4244  
Tel 817.283.2835  
[www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com) (<http://www.coarc.com>)

### Surgical Technology

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)  
25400 U. S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158  
Clearwater, FL 33763  
Tel 727.210.2350

Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology (ARC-ST)  
6 West Dry Creek Circle  
Suite 210 Littleton, CO 80120  
Tel 800.637.7433 or 303.694.9130