

# 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 Assistant

Accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation  
211 E. Chicago Ave., Ste 1900  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Tel 800.232.6108  
<https://coda.ada.org>

### Dental Hygiene

Accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation  
211 E. Chicago Ave., Ste 1900  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Tel 800.232.6108  
<https://coda.ada.org>

### Health Information Coding Specialist

This program is approved by: AHIMA Foundation's Professional Certificate Approval Program  
233 N Michigan Avenue, 21st Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601-5809  
Tel 312.233.1100  
[info@ahima.org](mailto:info@ahima.org)

### Health Information Technology

Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics & Information Management Education (**CAHIIM**)

200 East Randolph Street, Suite 5100  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Tel 312.235.3255  
[info@cahiim.org](mailto:info@cahiim.org)

### Paramedic

Accredited through Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (**CAAHEP**)  
9355 - 113th St. N, #7709  
Seminole, FL 33775  
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>

### Physical Therapist Assistant

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (**CAPTE**)  
American Physical Therapy Association  
3030 Potomac Ave Suite 100  
Alexandria, VA 22305-3085  
[accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org)  
<https://www.capteonline.org>

### Practical Nurse

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

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 Therapy

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**)  
9355 113<sup>th</sup> Street North #7709  
Seminole, FL 33775  
[mail@caahep.org](mailto:mail@caahep.org)

Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (**ARCSTSA**)  
19751 East Mainstreet Suite 339  
Parker, CO 80138  
[info@arcstsa.org](mailto:info@arcstsa.org)