

Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP)

GRANTEE: Fort Belknap College

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Tribally Controlled Community College

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

Fort Belknap College is a tribally controlled community college located on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in north central Montana. The goals of this project are to address the career and technical education needs of the community and prepare students for successful employment in high skill, high wage and high demand jobs. The project achieves these goals through the implementation of an integrated education program that combines challenging and relevant training programs with a continuum of support services designed to facilitate the success of each participant. The project offers training programs in five distinct areas, including: (1) Allied Health/Pre-Nursing, (2) Computer Technology, (3) Natural Resources, (4) Carpentry and (5) Tribal Management. Support services provided by the project include: academic advising and career counseling, classroom directed field experiences, summer employment opportunities, job placement services, transfer assistance, and direct financial support in the form of stipends, tuition and fees, books and supplies, transportation, and child care. No fewer than 45 students participate in the project each year.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- During each year of the five-year project period, at least 45 full-time students will receive the classroom instruction, academic support, work related experiences, academic and career counseling, placement services, and direct student assistance needed to successfully complete the requirements of an associate's degree or certificate of completion in one of the project's five training program components.

- Over the course of the five-year project period, at least 85% of all project participants will successfully complete their training program and receive an associate’s degree or certificate of completion, or transfer to a bachelor’s degree institution of higher education.
- Over the course of the five-year project, at least 75% of all project participants will find employment in a field related to their training program area.

EDUCATION LEVEL(S) OF PARTICIPANTS:

Postsecondary

CAREER AND TECHNICAL TRAINING AREAS:

AREA	CERTIFICATION STATUS
Allied Health/Pre-Nursing	Associate of Science Degree
Computer Technology	Associate of Science Degree MOS Certification MCSE Certification
Natural Resources	Associate of Science Degree Water Quality Option
Carpentry	One year Certificate
Tribal Management	One year Certificate

AVAILABLE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS:

Academic advising	Transfer Assistance	Tuition and fees
Career Counseling	Job Placement Services	Books and Supplies
Classroom Directed Field Experience	Childcare	Transportation
Summer Employment Opportunities	Stipends	

NUMBER OF PROGRAM SITES: 1

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIVES

Fort Belknap Indian Health Service	Fort Belknap Community Council
Little River Health Center	Fort Belknap Environmental Office
Eagle Child Health Center	Fort Belknap Forestry
Fort Belknap Planning Department	Fort Belknap Housing Authority
Fort Belknap Central Administration	Blaine County Commissioners
Fort Belknap College	

ACCREDITATION STATUS:

Accredited through the Northwest Association of Schools and Universities, the Commission on Colleges.