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MICROBIOLOGY, MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY AMONG CURRICULA OFFERED AT WMC UNDER MERGER PROGRAM WITH UNIVERSITY

MISSOULA, Mont .--

Beginning this fall, microbiology and medical technology will be among the major academic options offered to students attending Western Montana College at <u>Dillon</u> under the merger program between WMC and the University of Montana in Missoula.

Curricula offered under the merger, including microbiology and medical technology, are designed for students who attend WMC their first year or two before transferring to the University in Missoula to complete their studies.

Students who successfully complete programs in microbiology or medical technology may find careers in hospitals, research laboratories, the food industry, academic institutions, or with public health or environmental departments.

Brief descriptions of the microbiology and medical technology fields follow.

Microbiology is the study of microorganisms, including bacteria, yeasts, molds, rickettsiae, viruses and protozoa. It includes learning about immunological, medical, biochemical, physiological, epidemiological and ecological aspects of the organisms.

Medical technology is a combined study of chemistry, physics, physiology and microbiology. A medical technologist is one who, by education and training, is capable of performing, under the supervision of a pathologist or other qualified laboratory director, the various chemical, microscopic, bacteriologic and other medical laboratory procedures used in the diagnosis, study and treatment of human disease.

Inquiries about the WMC-UM joint programs in microbiology or medical technology may be directed to the Department of Microbiology, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59812, or to the Biological Sciences Department, Western Montana College, Dillon, Mont. 59725.