CHECK THE WEB

Lots of useful information for parents is available on the Internet. “Google” or try these sites:
Career Services at MSU Billings
www.msubillings.edu/careers

Montana Career Info System
www.smartaboutcollege.org/

ACT Parent Resources
www.actstudent.org/career/tips.html

WHAT ELSE SHOULD PARENTS KNOW?

College is a time for students to learn more about themselves and to explore their career options. Encourage them to try lots of different courses in lots of different areas to see where their interests lie.

Students can reinvent themselves at the same time they’re inventing a career that fits. Be patient...be supportive... Career Services will be there!

WHAT’S HOT?

Occupations with most job openings requiring at least BA/BS

In United States 2012-2020:
- Biomedical engineers
- Network systems & data analysts
- Accountants and auditors
- Medical scientists
- Elementary school teachers

In Montana 2012-2020:
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- Accountants and auditors
- Business operations specialists
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- Child and social workers

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In United States 2012-2020:
- Registered nurses
- Dental hygienists
- Veterinary technicians/technologists
- Physical therapy assistants
- Environmental engineering tech

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- Registered nurses
- Computer Support Specialists
- Forest and conservation technicians
- Mechanical drafters

Data from US & MT Dept. of Labor

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SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

INCLUDE:

- Career advising. Professionals meet with students to clarify career goals and identify strategies to achieve them.

- Career assessments & resources. Gathering objective information about oneself and the world of work is part of the solution. Career assessments help students learn about themselves and on-campus recruiting introduce students to careers.

- Jobs! Most MSU Billings students work while attending college. Local employers advertise hundreds of part-time jobs each year. Students view them on CareerLink, accessible 24/7 during the semesters they are enrolled.

- Cooperative Education Internships. Students are able to "try on" career choices by working in their fields of study. While earning academic credit, most students also earn a salary. Students must have earned at least 24 credits and maintain a 2.0 GPA at MSU Billings to participate.

- Professional employment. Career fairs and on-campus recruiting introduce students to employers. Students learn about employers' expectations, finding internships, and how to network into a "real job." Placement rates vary by major and how students search strategies.

HELPING YOUR STUDENT MAKE GOOD CAREER DECISIONS

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Class of 2013 Grad Data:

BA/BS (4-YR) Degree:

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- 14% were employed out of state.
- 20% were employed elsewhere in MT.
- 66% were employed in Billings.

Average Salary was $33,624/year.

City College (2-YR) Degree:

- 50% were employed in Billings.
- 17% were employed elsewhere in MT.
- 33% were employed out of state.

Average Salary was $30,256/year.

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