Program Information: CompTIA A+ Certification

Program Overview
The Bitterroot College CompTIA A+ program prepares students to function as computer professionals in multiple technical, business, and healthcare settings. Computer technicians serve many technical support and IT operation roles with job titles such as Support Specialist, Field Service Technician, Desktop Support Analysts, and Help Desk Tier 2 Support. The program prepares students to support computer users, troubleshoot and problem-solve computer issues, and connect users to the data they need to do their jobs regardless of the devices being used. Upon completion of the program, students are prepared to sit for CompTIA’s A+ Certification Exams 220-1001 and 220-1002. Program covers: 1) Hardware: Identifying, using, and connecting hardware components and devices; 2) Windows Operating System: Installing and supporting the Windows OS including command line and client support; 3) Software Troubleshooting: Troubleshooting PC and mobile device issues including application security support; 4) Networking: Understanding types of networks and connections including TCP/IP, WIFI, and SOHO; 5) Hardware and Network Troubleshooting: Troubleshooting device and network issues; 6) Security: Identifying and protecting against security vulnerabilities for devices and their network connections; 7) Mobile Devices: Installing and configuring laptops and other mobile devices; 8) Other OS and Technologies: Understanding the Mac OS, Linux, and mobile OS; and 9) Operational Procedures: Following best practices for safety, environmental impacts, communication, and professionalism.

Program Provider
Curriculum is provided by Condensed Curriculum International (CCI). Program is delivered by Bitterroot College University of Montana

Program Location
Bitterroot College, 103 South 9th Street, Hamilton

Program Days and Times: March 3 through June 6, 2020
- Classroom Instruction (120 contact hours)
  - 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM, Tues & Thurs, Mar -3 – June 4; no class Apr 14, Apr 16
  - 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Saturdays, Mar 21, Apr 4, Apr 25, May 16, June 6 (30-minute lunch break)
- CompTIA A+ Certification Exams 220-901 and 220-902
  - Scheduled individually upon course completion

Program Fee
- Full payment of $3,350 due by Thursday, February 27, 2020
- Fee includes tuition, textbooks, and certification exam fee
- Refund Policy: 100% refund before payment due date; 75% refund between payment due date and course start date; no refund after course start date

Program Fee Assistance
- IMPORTANT: Program Fee Assistance takes time to process; connect with assistance providers ASAP
- Pathways Programs Funding (formerly WoRC), Human Resource Council, 303 North 3rd Street, Hamilton
  - Lisa Kearns, (406) 363-6101 ext. 237 or Holly Montgomery, (406) 363-6101 ext. 239
- Rural Employment Opportunities (REO) (for eligibility, must have worked in agriculture within last 2 years)
  - Sesar Bonilla, sesar@reomontana.org, (406) 274-4172
- Veterans Administration Educational Benefits, Valley Veterans Service Center, 217 N 3rd St, Suite L, Hamilton
  - Veterans and family members: check your benefits eligibility, call (406) 363-9838 for an appointment
- Veterans Administration Vocational Rehabilitation Services Training Funds
  - Debra Fleig, debra.fleig@va.gov, (406) 258-1084; 2681 Palmer Street, Suite N, Missoula
Program Fee Assistance (continued)

- Vocational Rehabilitation Services Training Funds — Disability Employment Assistance Program
  - Sarah Seltzer, sseltzer@mt.gov, (406) 375-0203, Bitterroot College, 103 S 9th Street, Hamilton
- Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Funding, Human Resource Council, 303 N 3rd Street, Hamilton
  - DeLynn Gardner, dgardner@mt.gov, (406) 560-1689 or Chelle Twist, mtwist@mt.gov, (406) 565-2243
- WIOA Youth Employment Program (serves ages 14 to 24), Human Resource Council, 303 N 3rd Street, Hamilton
  - Shane Kravik, sek@hrcxi.org, (406) 363-6101, ext. 236

Age, Education, Email, and Other Requirements for Program Application

- 16 to 17 years of age
  - Public or state-accredited private high school student: recommendation letter from high school counselor or appropriate academic administrator
  - Home school student: qualifying TABE scores (explained below) and interview with Program Instructor Stephanie Mapelli — to schedule an interview, contact Meri Telin at (406) 375-0100 or meri1.telin@umontana.edu
- 18 years of age or over
  - High school diploma, high school equivalency diploma (GED or HiSET), OR qualifying Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) scores
    - TABE is available free of charge every Monday at 9AM at Literacy Bitterroot (303 North 3rd Street, Hamilton). Testing takes approximately 3 hours. Contact Literacy Bitterroot at (406) 363-2900 or abc123@montana.com for more information
  - Must have a photo ID for proof of identity
  - Must have a personal email account which can be accessed frequently
  - Must demonstrate requisite emotional and mental maturity/health for professional placement

Background Check Required with Program Application

- Visit app.mt.gov/choprs/ and under Public Users click on Start Service
- $20.00. Pay online with eCheck, credit card, or debit card
- Within 14 days of your payment, print background check results, and attach to program application
- Background check expires after 14 days from your payment

Retain Program Information for Your Records

Questions? Contact the Bitterroot College at (406) 375-0100 or email Meri Telin at meri1.telin@umontana.edu
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Application Requirements (see program information sheet for details)
   1) Must meet age, ID, email, and emotional/mental health requirements
   2) Must submit HS transcript, GED or HiSET transcript, or TABE scores with application
   3) Must submit cleared background check with application

Application Deadline is Thurs, Feb 27 for program starting on Tues, March 3, 2020

Submit completed application to:

Bitterroot College UM
103 South 9th Street, Hamilton, MT 59840
Application questions? (406) 375-0100 or meri1.telin@umontana.edu

Include with completed application:
   □ Full program fee payment of $3,350 — make checks payable to Bitterroot College UM or pay in person
      at Bitterroot College with cash, credit card, or debit card (see accompanying information for payment
      assistance options)
   □ Cleared background check documentation (see accompanying information for details)
   □ HS transcript, GED or HiSET transcript, or TABE scores (see program information sheet for details)
   □ High School Counselor/Academic Administrator letter if applicable (see information sheet for details)

Full Legal Name: _______________________________________________  First  Middle  Last

Mailing Address: ________________________________________________

City: __________________________________ State: ____________ Zip Code: ______________________

Social Security Number (required for exam registration): ________________________________

Telephone No: ________________  Email Address (required): _______________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________  Gender (optional):  Male ______  Female ______

Age at Start of Program: _________________________

If age 16 to 17 (check one):  □ Public High School (attach letter from high school counselor)

□ State-accredited Private High School (attach letter from academic administrator)
□ Home School (attach TABE scores & schedule interview)

(application has two pages – continue to second page)
List any computer certifications or college certificates/degrees currently held:

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Summarize previous work-related experience:

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What are your employment goals for obtaining CompTIA A+ certification?

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By signing this application, I certify that my application information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that falsification or omission of information may result in denial or rescinding of admission to Bitterroot College’s Continuing Education CompTIA A+ Certification Program.

By signing this application, I understand and agree if I begin the program I am ultimately responsible for the full payment of the program fee. If I am applying for program fee assistance, I understand and agree it is my responsibility to provide written confirmation of third party funding approval prior to the start of the program. Finally, I understand and agree if my third party funding is not ultimately received in full or in part, it is my responsibility to pay any remaining program fee balance.

Applicant’s Signature ___________________________________________ Date ___________________

For Office Use Only

Required Application Materials

_____ Complete Application
_____ HS/HS Equiv/TABE/Letter
_____ Photo ID
_____ Background Check

Reviewer’s name: ______________________________________________________

Review date: ______________________________________________________

Reviewer’s comments:

Circle one: Accepted  Denied

Photo ID: ID Type ______________________ ID No. ______________________ ID Checked By __________

Payment Type: ______________________________________________________

Exam Results: ______________________________________________________

2/15/2020