



Firearms Technologies Program

Application/Background Packet

Special Provision for Firearms Technologies Courses

Students enrolled in an approved college Firearms Technologies course may, during the time of the course, carry a cased and unloaded firearm from the designated parking area to the classroom assigned for that course and possess that firearm, uncased and unloaded, during the active period of instruction. The instructor will inspect all firearms prior to entering the classroom. No ammunition is allowed in the classroom or on campus.

If you have any questions regarding this application or process contact:

Firearms Technology Advisor
Flathead Valley Community College
777 Grandview Drive
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406)756-4862
OT@fvcc.edu

For Question about the program, tools, or guns contact:

Firearms Technology Instructor
Brandon Miller
Flathead Valley Community College
777 Grandview Drive
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 756-4410
bmiller@fvcc.edu

Firearms Technologies Program Information

This program is designed to provide a solid foundation in theory, design, and function of firearms. It will prepare the student for an entry-level position in the firearms industry or provide a building block toward owning a business as a gunsmith. The program contains both lecture and significant hands-on training designed to instill an understanding of the design and function of today's firearms. If you are seeking employment in the firearms industry it is highly recommended to have machining experience and knowledge (such as that provided by FVCC's machinist Technician Tier I program).

Practical application of knowledge in a safe and professional manner is stressed. Emphasis is placed upon the completion of several gunsmith projects from blueprints and schematics using a combination of both hand and machine tools. The student will acquire the basic knowledge to get started customizing guns. The program provides a clear understanding of firearms function, enabling graduates to assist with design or tolerance issues in a manufacturing environment.

Expectations:

- **Loaded firearms are not permitted on campus.**
- **No Ammunition is permitted on campus.**
- Students are expected to know and adhere to all firearms safety protocols. See program information website <http://www.fvcc.edu/programs/occupational-trades/firearms-technologies>
- Working knowledge of blueprint reading and precision measuring is recommended prior to enrolling.
- Persons must be 18 years of age to enroll in a Firearms Technologies course.
- Participants must comply with all local, state, and federal laws regarding firearms.
- Firearms Technologies students must be able to legally own and possess firearms.
- Required tools/supplies and firearms are the responsibility of the student.
- Financial aid and residency status do apply – please contact FVCC Registrar Sharon Nau (406)756-3845 for more information regarding residency.

For information about our A.A.S. program and required classes, please visit our website by clicking on the following link:

[Firearms Technology - Class Information](#)

Firearms Technologies Application

STEP 1:

Complete an Application for Admission to FVCC at <http://www.fvcc.edu/admissions/>

Admission to Flathead Valley Community College is a separate process and should be completed prior to applying for placement in the FVCC Firearms Technologies Certificate Program.

STEP 2:

Complete the Firearms Technologies application and submit or mail to FVCC admissions office: Firearms Technologies Certificate, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901 along with your \$67 non-refundable application fee. (*Application fees will be applied to your background check and are non-refundable.*)

The FVCC Firearms Technologies program is limited to 16 students per year. Student numbers are restricted due to the availability of lab space.

A **background check** is the final requirement for all students to be accepted into the program. After your application is reviewed, you will be notified via email regarding the process for submitting a background check. Background checks are conducted prior to the start of the fall semester.

NOTE FOR VETERANS: THE 85-15 PERCENT RATIO REQUIREMENT

VA regulations prohibit paying VA benefits to students enrolling in a course when more than 85% of the students enrolled in that course are having all or part of their tuition, fees, or other charges paid to or for them by the school or VA. If the ratio of VA students to non-VA students exceeds 85% at the time a VA student enters or reenters (after a break in enrollment), the student is NOT entitled to VA benefits. **For information regarding Veteran Benefits contact: Sherry Hodges: (406) 756-3982**

Firearms Technologies Application

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address:

Street Apartment

City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

1. **Complete** the Authorization for Release of Information Form (background check) when notified via email. A background check is required for admission.
2. **Sign** or electronically sign the Application below.
3. **Mail** completed and signed application, and your \$67 application fee to:
FVCC Admissions Office/Firearms Technologies Program
777 Grandview Drive
Kalispell, MT 59901
OR
Submit your signed application online.
To pay your \$67 application fee, call the FVCC Business Office at (406) 756-3831 and they will process your application fee.
4. **Retain** a copy of this application for your records.

Student _____

Date _____

AN INCOMPLETE AND/OR UNSIGNED APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

To submit via email you must:

1. Save this document as a PDF
2. Email your saved PDF to: OT@fvcc.edu
3. Make sure you pay your \$67 non-refundable application to the FVCC Business Office at (406) 756-3831.