Little Big Horn College

Crow Agency, Montana

About Little Big Horn College

Little Big Horn College (LBHC) offers high-quality degrees, certificates, and programs. We both equip our students for the professional workforce and support their personal development, thus bringing prosperity and leadership to Crow Country. LBHC aims to preserve, protect, and perpetuate the Apsaalooké language, history, and culture. LBHC offers eight Associate of Arts degrees. The courses of study offered are directly related to the job opportunities and economic development on the Crow Indian Reservation and surrounding communities.

Success Begins with Student Support

LBHC provides a comprehensive range of student support services to ensure academic success and overall well-being. These services include transportation assistance through free tickets in partnership with the Crow Nation Transit System and gas cards, as well as school supplies funded by the American Indian College Fund. LBHC also provides emergency assistance for essential expenses such as housing, daycare, and vehicle repairs, along with tutoring and mentorship opportunties.

Additionally, students can engage in clubs and organizations that foster leadership and community, access grocery cards and a food pantry to support themselves and their families, and participate in cultural activities that celebrate and preserve the Crow language and traditions.

Little Big Horn College: Facts at a Glance

265/269 = +5%
Students Enrolled
Fall 2024/Fall 2025

$3,200
Affordable Tuition
Less than $5,000 per year

4:1
Student to Faculty Ratio

76%
Students receive Federal Pell Grants

82%
Part-Time Students

18%
Full-Time Students

Policy Priorities for the 119th Congress

Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) are key drivers of workforce development and economic growth within local, regional, and national economies. As centers of learning and scientific inquiry, TCUs provide open-access education to all students. When Congress funds TCUs, entire communities are strengthened.

Policy priorities for TCUs:
(1) Address historical underfunding through targeted TCU investments in workforce development opportunities;

(2) Increase flexible funding, which allows TCUs to develop community-specific programs and build needed facilities;

(3) Support amendments to 1994 land-grant programs to create a level playing field for 1994s within the land-grant system.

$3.8 billion
Added Income
Total annual alumni impact of the nation's TCUs

TCU impacts by industry in the U.S.
40,732
jobs supported

TCUs as Economic Engines: Advancing Tribal Prosperity

TCUs play a vital role in some of the nation's most remote regions, offering technical training and affordable post-secondary education while serving as economic hubs for rural communities. In September 2025, AIHEC published an economic study highlighting the impact of TCUs on both regional and national economies.

Little Big Horn College: Driving Economic Development

- Montana TCU alumni contributed $332.2 million to the Montana economy - the equivalent of supporting 5,178 jobs
- For every $1.00 spent on Montana TCUs, students gain $8.40 in lifetime earnings, and society gains $4.40 in added income and social savings. In total, Montana taxpayers gain $19.1 million in added tax revenue and public sector savings.

Workforce Ready: A Success Story from Little Big Horn College to Industry

Hannah Ten Bear - 2023

Hannah Ten Bear began her educational journey at LBHC in the trades programs. To support her success in the Building Trades Program, she received in-school training stipends, fuel assistance, and tuition coverage for electrical and plumbing courses at MSU Northern. Hannah completed the Highway Construction Program in 2023, enrolled in the Building Trades Program in 2024, and earned a one-year certificate in 2025. She is currently participating in LBHC's Achieving the Dream Paid Internship program and has contributed to summer internships, including the Tiny Home Project completed in 2025.

TCUs as Workforce Hubs: Advancing Skills, Careers, & Communities

TCUs are preparing the next generation of professionals in high-demand fields such as natural resources, health, information technology, and the building trades. By equipping students with the skills most needed in their communities, TCUs are laying the foundation for sustained Tribal and regional economic growth.

LBHC operates a successful Trades Program, which includes the Highway Construction/CDL and Building Trades. Upon completion of graduation requirements, students receive stackable credentials and a one-year certificate.

Building Futures, Strengthening Tribal Nations

TCUs prepare their students for careers in high-demand fields. However, meeting the growing demand for a future-ready workforce requires increased investment and resources to expand programs, upgrade technology, and attract qualified faculty.

Need for an Expansion of a Vocational Education Center

In 2021, LBHC launched the Apsaalooke (Crow) Hybrid Apprenticeship Program to address the critical need for skilled workers in electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and carpentry. Students completing the trades curriculum earn a one-year Building Trades Certificate. Those seeking advanced training in plumbing and electrical can join the Montana Department of Labor and Industry's Accelerate Montana Program, which offers an accelerated apprenticeship pathway to a four-year credential in just two years. Due to limited space, some courses are delivered virtually by Montana State University–Northern faculty, and hands-on training is restricted to only ten students annually. Establishing a vocational education center would allow LBHC to expand access, hire on-site instructors, enhance current programs, and introduce new offerings such as diesel mechanics, welding, and agriculture.

Need for an Buidling Trading Facility

LBHC urgently needs a dedicated Building Trades facility. The Crow community has a significant pool of untapped talent hindered by the lack of specialized training. Closing this skills gap requires comprehensive, demand-driven training programs that connect nonprofit institutions like LBHC with employers to deliver targeted workforce preparation. Success depends on qualified faculty and robust training resources. LBHC has already recruited an electrical/plumbing instructor to begin teaching on campus in Spring 2026.

Need for Student Housing

LBHC is situated in the Crow Agency, a rural community in southeastern Montana. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, LBHC lacked student housing. Most LBHC students travel over 60 miles to attend classes on campus. The nearest grocery store is located 12 miles from the campus. Weather conditions can be severe during the winter and rainy months, resulting in annual building repair costs.

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