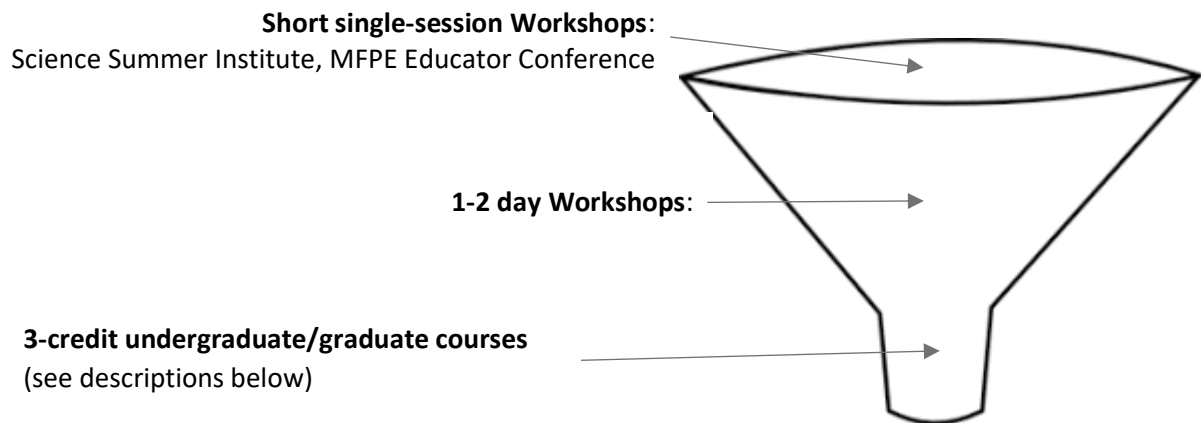


This document details the actions Montana State University is taking, with support from the state’s educator preparation programs, to strengthen **Proficiency/Competency-Based Education and Personalizing Learning** in the preparation and ongoing professional development of Montana’s educators.

Recognizing that this work exists within the broader educational ecosystem (pre-service teacher preparation, in-service teacher professional development, and school leader visioning and staff support), our approach intentionally reaches out to each area directly.

Status update on the initiative

- Conduct a historical audit of policy and practice conversations related to these terms – currently in progress. – *Complete, white paper in development*
- Gather the current state of understanding among Montana stakeholders of the terms: “proficiency”, “competency”, “standards-based” and “mastery learning.” – *Complete*
- Host a statewide Proficiency/Competency-Based Education Symposium (June 16-18, 2023) at MSU, featuring nationally known speakers as well as Montana-based PBE innovators. – *Call for Proposals will be sent in November 2022.*
- Support MT Educator Preparation Programs to enhance PBE in curricula – *Ongoing.*
- Develop and implement a funnel of opportunities varying in duration and intensity for educators to engage with proficiency/competency-based learning principles. – *Ongoing.*



Workshops Presented

Session Title	Where	Date	Target Audience	# Attendees
Kites Across the Curriculum	OPI Summer Institute	June 2022	MT Teachers (K-12)	6
Connecting to CBE for you and your learners	School Services of Montana Curriculum Institute - Bozeman	June 2022	MT Teachers (K-12)	18
PBE & Steam	SMRC Science Summer Institute	July 2022	MT Science Teachers (6-12)	18
Connecting to CBE for you and your learners	School Services of Montana Curriculum Institute – Anaconda	July 2022	MT Teachers (K-12)	45
PBE: The Inquiry Design Model and MT SS Standards	MFPE Educators Conference	October 2022	MT Teachers (K-12)	??

Course Descriptions

A multitude of schools, districts, and entire states are developing and implementing what the Federal Department of Education identifies as Competency-Based Education (CBE). Courses developed from this budget allocation introduce future and practicing educators to these various teaching/learning modalities and prepare educators to implement these modalities in their own classes/districts.

	# students June 2022	# students July 2022	# students Fall 2022
EDU 491 (pre-service)	4	1	5
EDU 591 (in-service)	28	36	38
EDU 492	Not offered	Not offered	Included in Student Teaching
EDU 592	Not offered	Not offered	7

Student Course Feedback

Students are aware all PBE opportunities are funded by a budget appropriation to MSU. Below is a snapshot of feedback from students.

Honestly, thank you for the opportunity to do this. I actually learned a lot. We do a lot of this at my high school already but it was interesting to see it explained in a different way.

Great use of state funding, putting money into teachers who are going to take this evidence to their students makes our state better from top down.

I think fully implementing CBE in Montana's schools would be a worthwhile, but costly endeavor. Knowing how resistant people are to funding education, I very much hope that this is given proper investment and attention.

Just a thank you for letting us take this class for free. I learned about CBE and want to use it now! I think that the concept of these courses is excellent, that the content is rigorous and highly encouraging of professional growth.