MUS Sprint Degrees

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Key Project Areas:

- Designed to support Montana’s workforce needs
- Intentional industry engagement/partnership
- Help students feel confident in post-secondary decision
- High-quality education that results in students learning faster and entering the workforce sooner
What are we trying to accomplish?

1. Increase accessed for Montana students who are academically ready, career focused and prefer accelerated degree options, but are concerned that higher education is cost prohibitive and too long of a commitment;

2. Workforce development by producing skilled graduates faster for Montana’s highest demand sectors;

3. Flexible program offerings that can adjust to the ongoing needs of Montana industries; and

4. Innovation and efficiency by providing new and streamlined pathways to degrees for students and demonstrating that higher education can quickly respond and adapt to industry needs.
Desired Student Outcomes

- Students enter the workforce in an accelerated timeline with a degree in a high-need, high-wage field in Montana
- Students receive career and academic supports
  - Scholarships to help cover costs of tuition, books, and fees
    - Work-based learning opportunities throughout the completion of degree
    - Access to clinical placements that are in line with their degree plan
    - Academic and career mentorship while completing coursework
- Students have a clearer understanding of how their education connects to their future career
Desired Industry Outcomes

- Industry partners make earlier connections with students to help fill workforce demands
- Industry partners receive highly skilled students for employment needs
- Industry partners continue building relationships with MUS institutions
Where we are:

- 4 programs underway

- **PARAMEDIC**
  - A.A.S. Degree
  - 1 Year Program

- **HUMAN SERVICES**
  - B.S. Degree
  - 2.5 Year Program

- **SURGICAL TECH**
  - A.A.S. Degree
  - 5 Semester Program
Who is a Sprint Student?

- High school graduates who see value in higher education but don’t want a traditional higher education experience.
- Individuals with some college, but no degree who want an accelerated timeline to a degree that provides a direct link to a career outcome.
- Adult learners who are looking to expand their career options.

- Age Range from 18-54
- 75% completing first post-secondary degree
New Sprint Programs

- **NURSING**
  - A.S.N Degree
  - 1 Year Program

- **CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**
  - B.S. Degree
  - 3 Year Program

- **DIESEL TECH**
  - A.A.S. Degree
  - 1 Year Program

- **AUTOMOTIVE TECH**
  - A.A.S. Degree
  - 5 Semester Program

- **EDUCATION**
  - B.S. Degree
  - 3 Year Program

- **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT**
  - A.A.S. Degree
  - 15 Month Program
What’s Next?

- OCHE, alongside campus marketing and communication
- Updated website and social media marketing materials
- Engagement of new industry partners
Questions?

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