

# MUS Sprint Degrees

**Montana Board of Regents**  
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## Key Project Areas:



**WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT**



**INDUSTRY  
PARTNERSHIP**



**VALUE OF DEGREE**



**TIME TO  
COMPLETION**

- 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



**GREAT FALLS COLLEGE**  
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA  
MISSOULA COLLEGE



# 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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