

# **MUS Two-year Education & Workforce Development 2023-2024 Key Initiatives**

## **Montana University System**

# 2023 – 2024 Key Initiatives

**2** Industry supported and aligned training

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**ACCELERATE** MT



**3** Infrastructure for high-quality & flexible pathways

**1** The high school to college to career pipeline

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## Opportunity

### MT HS Students

9,310 MT HS graduates in 2022  
~1/3<sup>rd</sup> participate in dual enrollment

### MT Working Age Adults

Working Age HS Grads  
146,000+ in 2021  
Avg. wage: \$36,000

Working Age, Some College  
126,000+ in 2021  
Avg. wage: \$40,000

**From:** disconnected credits

**To:** credentials during high school that lead to employment or clear degree progress

- Flexible and affordable training designed for working adults
- Straightforward path to recognize prior learning
- Short credentials that lead both to direct employment and contribute to a further degree
- Clearer link between the college degree and an employer / job

## Initiatives / Partners

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➤ In 2021, MT had 239,000 working age (25-64) college graduates earning an average wage of **\$74,000**

\*American Community Survey, 2017-2021 5-year sample, accessed via IPUMS