

Two Year and Community College Education Committee

FY 2027 Work Plan and Calendar

ONGOING CHARGE

- Develop collaborative programs with the healthcare community in Montana to assist with workforce needs in the healthcare professions;
- Develop collaborative efforts with the education community in Montana to ensure that the State has a qualified teacher corps;
- Create similar collaborative efforts with employers, employer organizations and employee organizations statewide to provide a well trained work force within Montana;
- Work with the two-year college community to develop policies and programs that satisfy the State's workforce needs and to increase enrollments at those institutions;
- Assume responsibility for other tasks, as assigned by the Board or the Chair.

WORK PLAN *(priority areas targeted for FY27)*

1. MUS Success Agenda and Shared Policy Goals

- Support in delivery and tracking of MUS Shared Policy Goals with the 2025 Montana legislature and development of shared policy goals with the 2027 legislature.
- Participate in [MUS strategic initiatives](#) for FY 26, including 2) Flexible Career and Technical Education, and 3) Dual Enrollment.

2. Dual Enrollment and Future Ready Payments

- Refine goals for MUS dual enrollment programs and evaluate annual success metrics.
- Assess and implement supports to enhance districts' participation in credentialing pathways which qualify for Future Ready Payments established by 2025 legislature.

3. 406 Montana Jobs

- Support MUS campuses participation in workforce Pell grant programming.
- Contribute to regional sector partnerships in 406 Montana Jobs priority sectors.
- Support marketing efforts that communicate workforce development opportunities available through Montana's two year and community colleges.
- Implement new infrastructure and data reporting for short term, stackable, credentialed, and non-credit training.
- Guide MUS initiatives to develop flexible, industry-aligned, and accelerated workforce development programs including by leveraging Sprint Degrees, Year 2 Career, Rural Talent Lab, and Credit for Prior Learning.

4. Transfer Success

- Review transfer student success metrics and outputs of faculty committees designed to review and enhance course transferability.

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- Assess student barriers to successful transfer and technologies, processes, and staffing design to support through the MUS Transfer Council.

CALENDAR

September 2026

- Justice-involved education update

November 2026

- Dual Enrollment / future ready update

March 2027

- Credit for Prior Learning annual report
- Perkins update

May 2027

- Transfer update

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