

Workforce Development

Montana's Workforce Development Engine

Highlights

- More than 80% of Montana's University System resident student graduates join Montana's workforce.
- Over 1,000 MUS students graduate with degrees in health professions every year.
- Each of the MUS 16 campuses delivers high quality, hands-on, and innovative trades and technical education.

Public-Private Partnerships

- Montana's Two-Year and Community College Campuses partner with private business and industry partners to strengthen community workforce pipelines. Highlights include:
 - o Helena College and Boeing
 - Missoula College and ATG Cognizant
 - o Gallatin College and Bridger Aerospace
 - Great Falls College and distance-education partnerships with local healthcare providers around the state
 - Montana State University Northern and Accelerated Apprenticeships in Electrical and Plumbing, serving businesses in several locations across Montana
 - o Dawson Community College and Stortz Angus Ranch

Serving All Montanans

- American Indian students comprise nearly a quarter (23%) of all postsecondary Career and Technical Education student concentrators served by the Carl D. Perkins Grant in Montana.
- The Montana University System has prioritized innovative delivery methods for Career & Technical Education programs in order to provide needed training and education opportunities to students in every community. Opportunities include:
 - University of Montana Western's Online Teacher Certification, helping solve teacher shortages in rural Montana
 - Miles Community College partnered with the Montana Farm Bureau and the Montana Meat Processors Association to address critical workforce shortages using an innovative "hub and spoke" model
 - Great Falls College expanded the AAS degree program in respiratory therapy via distance-education and partnerships with other colleges and local healthcare providers
 - Flathead Valley Community College is partnering statewide with Montana hospitals to pivot existing employee skills to meet acute needs for Medical Lab Technicians through online learning and student-centered clinical placement agreements

65% increase

in CTE credits earned by Montana high school students through dual enrollment.



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