

Two Year and Community College Education Committee

FY 2024 Work Plan

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 insure 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 FY24)*

1. The high school to college to career pipeline

- Revise Montana's Perkins V State Plan by May 10th, 2024
- Expand pilot "Montana's Future at Work" dual enrollment certification pathways.
- Explore further partnerships to communicate and increase participation in quality dual enrollment / career pathway experiences in Montana high schools (OPI, DLI, WIOA, industry associations).

2. Infrastructure for high quality flexible training pathways

- Revise system credit for prior learning policy and pilot credit for prior learning mapping approaches and software tools with support from the Center for Applied and Experiential Learning.
- Develop 10-20 "Micro-pathways" across Montana's network of two-year colleges. with local and regional employers and economic developers. Micro-pathways are affordable, credentials (1 year or less) that both align with a good-paying occupation and are stackable to a longer degree.
- Review MUS non-credit policies, data, and business models.

3. Industry supported and aligned training

- Develop and sustain 4-6 additional Sprint Degree pathways with substantial industry partnership.