MUS SPRINT DEGREES
ACCELERATED, HIGH-QUALITY DEGREE PATHWAYS THAT DRIVE RAPID WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN HIGH DEMAND, HIGH SKILL, HIGH WAGE SECTORS OF MONTANA'S ECONOMY

KEY PRIORITIES
Intentional workforce development: Removes the multiple degree options for students and provides a clear degree pathway to career

Industry Partnership: Intentional connection with state workforce and industry needs. Industry partners are essential in curriculum development, securing internships and providing long-term pathways for careers.

Link between value of degree and cost of degree: Tuition is too high perception vs. future wages/future career availability

Restructuring of degree timeline: Time to completion, schedule of courses, flexibility with course delivery

DESIGN
Sprint Degrees offer a shortened time to degree completion. This is made possible through year-round scheduling, full-time course loads, and pre-mapped degree requirements.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS
Due to the completion promise and industry partnership commitments of Sprint Degrees, students, campuses, and industry engage in partnership agreements:

Students: Take and pass all mapped coursework, complete all required financial aid paperwork, meet with assigned advisor

Colleges: Design sprint curriculum, provide priority advising and registration, collaborate with industry partners

Industry: Prioritize necessary work-based learning experiences that align with accelerated completion

STUDENTS SAY
47% agree that a degree program that can be completed in a shorter time makes sense
64% say making college less expensive is the #1 thing they would change
40% believe building direct connections to a future career is the most important part of college
63% want more postsecondary options

SUPPORTING MONTANA
RESIDENT STUDENT ACCESS
Designed to attract a segment of students that are academically ready, career focused and want streamlined options

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Produces skilled graduates quickly to support Montana's highest demand sectors

INNOVATION & EFFICIENCY
Creates new, intentional, and innovative ways to make good on higher education's value promise

DEGREES
Sprint Degrees will be designed in our interest of providing high-quality workforce training and driven by our commitment to meet workforce needs in high-demand and emerging fields.

Therefore the portfolio of Sprint Degrees is flexible in adding and removing programs over time, as we look to meet Montana’s ever-evolving economic needs.

In-Demand Fields
High Quality Pathways
Reliable, High-Wage Jobs

TIMELINE
Step One
Program Marketing
Partnership Development

Step Two
Outreach to Students and K-12 Partnerships

Step Three
New Student Onboarding

Step Four/ Semester 1
Initial Cohort Launch

Semester 3/ Month 15
Initial Cohort Graduation
Associate Degrees

Semester 7/ Month 28
Bachelors Degree

Program Marketing
Partnership Development

Cohort Graduation:
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Associate Degrees
Bachelors Degree

Semester 7/ Month 28
Bachelors Degree

Associate Degrees