

MUS Sprint Degrees

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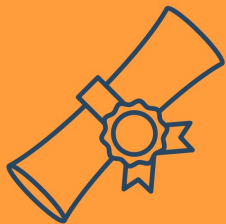
What are we trying to accomplish?



WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT



INDUSTRY
PARTNERSHIP



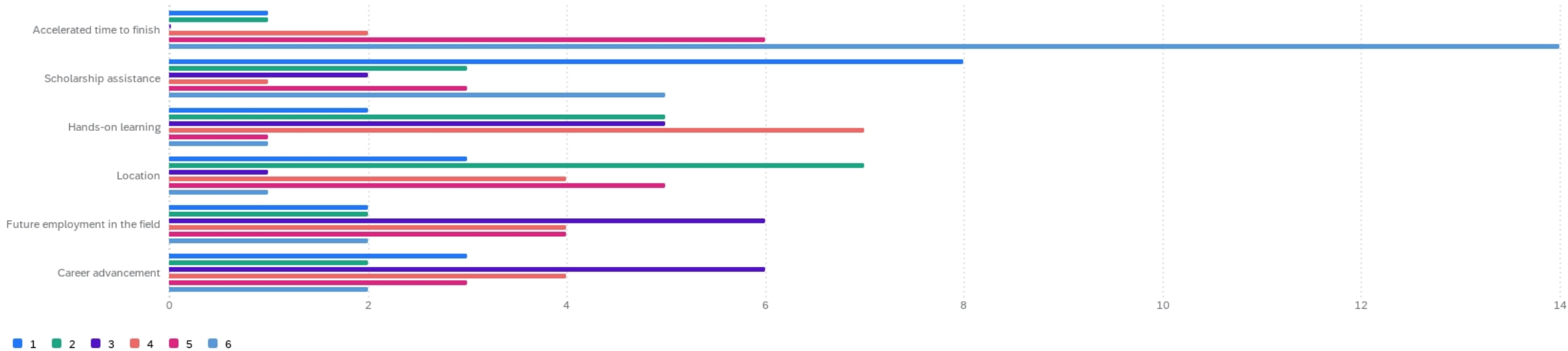
VALUE OF DEGREE



TIME TO
COMPLETION

1. Increase accessed for Montana students who are academically ready, career focused and prefer accelerated degree options, but are concerned that higher education is cost prohibitive and too long of a commitment;
2. Workforce development by producing skilled graduates faster for Montana's highest demand sectors;
3. Flexible program offerings that can adjust to the ongoing needs of Montana industries ; and
4. Innovation and efficiency by providing new and streamlined pathways to degrees for students and demonstrating that higher education can quickly respond and adapt to industry needs.

What most influenced your decision to enroll in this program? 6 being most influential, 1 being least influential



Sprint Takeaways:

Strengths

1. Student Interest in an accelerated timeline
2. Student Success in Accelerated Timeline
3. Strong Student Completion

Challenges

1. Sustaining Industry Partnership
2. Cost to Provide multiple tracks of academic programming
3. Cost of summer attendance for students
4. Faculty Contracts for extended instruction time

Next Steps

1. Kickoff of new programs (MSUN, Missoula College, Helena College)
2. Cost analysis for students and campuses
3. Develop industry connection/conversation/menu for desired future programming
4. Joint marketing around accelerated programs and industry-supported programs

Sprint Panel:

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Questions?

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EARN SOONER.**
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