

MUS Sprint Degrees

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Characteristics of Sprint Programs

- Accelerated timeline
- Hub and spoke delivery model
- Large employer partner or industry association
- Student cohort design



Pros/Cons

- Financial Savings
- Time Savings
- Streamlined path to completion
- Innovation

- Additional academic challenges
- Early specialization
- More upfront costs



Sprint Takeaways:

Strengths

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

Challenges

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

Next Steps

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

4. Creates an opportunity for both/and rather than either/or



Things to Remember

70% vs. 62%

Excellent/Good Value On the job training 77% A course/courses to receive a license 75% A course/s to receive a professional certificate 72% 4-year college or university 2-year college or university/community college 63% Trade or vocational school 63% Single-subject short course **Bootcamp program** High School Green numbers indicate significantly higher value by audience



Questions?

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