

# Two Year and Community College Education Committee

## FY 2026 Work Plan and Calendar

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### ONGOING 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 ensure 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 FY26)*

#### 1. MUS Success Agenda and Shared Policy Goals

- Support in delivery and tracking of MUS Shared Policy Goals with the 2025 Montana legislature.
- Participate in [MUS strategic initiatives](#) for FY 26, including 2) Flexible Career and Technical Education, and 3) Dual Enrollment.

#### 2. Flexible Career and Technical Education

- Develop policy and process to facilitate MUS campuses participation in workforce Pell grant programming.
- Establish an MUS workforce initiatives council to advise and coordinate MUS workforce development initiatives.
- Review recommendations of MUS Validates Skills Training Task force and guide next steps for support of short term and non-credit training infrastructure.
- Guide MUS initiatives to develop flexible, industry-aligned, and accelerated workforce programs (Sprint Degrees, Year 2 Career, Rural Talent Lab, and Credit for Prior Learning).

#### 3. Dual Enrollment and Future Ready Payments

- Refine goals for MUS dual enrollment programs and evaluate annual success metrics.
- Assess policy changes and coordination necessary for successful implementation of Future Ready Payments established by 2025 legislature.

#### 4. Transfer Success

- Establish MUS Transfer Advisory Council. Review transfer student success metrics and outputs of faculty committees designed to review and enhance course transferability.

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### CALENDAR

#### September 2025

- Launch of MUS Workforce Initiatives Council
- Perkins update

#### November 2025

- Dual Enrollment data report
- Validated Skills Training Task Force recommendations

#### March 2026

- Credit for Prior Learning annual report
- Perkins update

#### May 2026

- Transfer update

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