COMPLETE COLLEGE MONTANA

An Overview of Montana’s Initiative to Increase College Completions

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On August 19th, Governor Bullock committed Montana to the Complete College Montana initiative.

**This initiative is:**

- Aimed at increasing the number of Montanans who earn college degrees and certificates.

- Designed to develop specific strategies that move Montana forward in reaching the goal the Governor established for increasing the percentage of Montanans’ with a higher education credential from 40% to 60%.

- Supported by Complete College America – a nationwide, non-profit effort involving an alliance of 34 of other states.
Essential Steps for States

Complete College America identifies 6 essential steps

1. **Set State and Campus Completion Goals.** Montana’s goal is set: increase percentage of population with a college credential from 40% to 60%. In order to meet this goal, college and universities in Montana must increase annual production of degrees and certificates.

2. **Uniformly Measure Progress and Success.** Complete College Americas provides a common set of progress and outcome metrics for all states and a dashboard for comparing states and campuses.

3. **Shift to Performance Funding.** Implement new funding models that tie funding to outcomes, providing incentives for advancing and graduating students, not just enrolling them. [TAKE ACTION](#)
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4. **Reduce Time to Degree and Accelerate Success**: require on-time completion plans, create incentives for full-time enrollment, utilize incentive-based financial aid, eliminate unnecessary course-taking, and more. [TAKE ACTION]

5. **Transform Remediation**: divert students from traditional remediation, clarify what constitutes college readiness, establish a statewide approach. [TAKE ACTION]

6. **Restructure Delivery for Today’s Students**: operate programs on block schedules, create academic maps from first term to last term, utilize year-round attendance. [TAKE ACTION]
Complete College MT -- Strategies and Plans

Immediate Areas of Focus in Montana

1. Implement Performance Funding.
   - FY 15 short-term model approved by the Board of Regents
   - The MUS will use the 2013-14 academic year to engage faculty and staff in the development of a longer-term model.
   - MUS Performance Funding [Website](#)

2. Reform Developmental Education.
   - Developmental Education Taskforce studied remediation and brought [recommendations](#) for Board of Regents in May 2013
   - The MUS will use the 2013-14 academic year to begin implementation of recommendations.
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3. Increase Dual Enrollment Opportunities.
   - Utilizing funding from the 2013 Legislature to grow dual enrollment opportunities.
   - Market tuition reduction and elimination of fees incentive created by Board of Regents to improve student/parent awareness and participation.

   - Expand on Big Sky Pathways
   - Create articulated pathways from 2 year to 4 year campuses for specific majors.
   - Degree Audit system
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5. Measure Progress and Outcome Metrics.
   - Utilize Complete College America metrics for SJ 13
   - CCA metrics will be disaggregated by campus, full-time/part-time, age, race/ethnicity, gender, Pell status, remedial status, transfer students)

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