

# MUS Sprint Degrees

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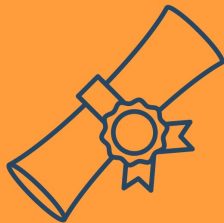
# What are we trying to accomplish?



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.

## Where are We?

### PARAMEDIC

A.A.S. Degree  
1 Year Program



### HUMAN SERVICES

B.S. Degree  
2.5 Year Program



### SURGICAL TECH

A.A.S. Degree  
5 Semester Program



**GREAT FALLS COLLEGE**  
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY



# New Sprint Programs

## NURSING

A.S.N Degree  
1 Year Program



## CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

B.S. Degree  
3 Year Program



## DIESEL TECH

A.A.S. Degree  
1 Year Program



## AUTOMOTIVE TECH

A.A.S. Degree  
5 Semester  
Program



## EDUCATION

B.S. Degree  
3 Year Program



## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

A.A.S. Degree  
15 Month Program



## **DIESEL TECH**

A.A.S. Degree  
1 Year Program



- Fall 2024 Cohort of 10 students, Fall 2025 10 students
- Strong Industry engagement from several partners
- Roadmap for other Sprint Programs
- Program Coordinator to support students

**CONSTRUCTION  
MANAGEMENT**

B.S. Degree  
3 Year Program

**MONTANA**  
TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

- Fall 2024 Cohort of 10-15 Students
- Fall Banquet with Montana Contractors
- New Buildings on Campus for potential work-based learning
- Strong Interest for New Program

## EDUCATION

B.S. Degree  
3 Year Program



- Fall 2024 Cohort of 13 students
- CORE School at Morningside Elementary
- All Hired by Great Falls Public Schools

## AUTOMOTIVE TECH

A.A.S. Degree  
5 Semester  
Program

**Highlands College**  
OF MONTANA TECH

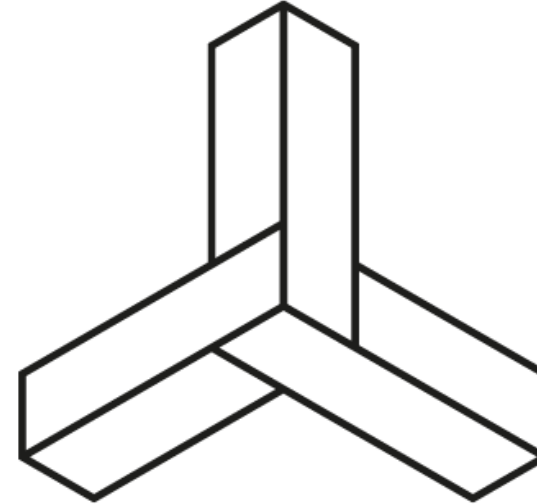
- Dual Enrollment Cohorts for Fall 2024, 25
- Industry Partnership: Butte Auto Group, Denny Menholt Ford, and Leskovar Honda
- Access Outcomes



# Shared Commitments & Shared Successes



Industry



Students



Campuses

# Student Commitments



Take & Pass Required Coursework



Meet with Advisor/Student Coach



Complete financial documents



Complete

# Campus Commitments



Provide  
Priority Registration



Provide  
Advisor/Student Coach



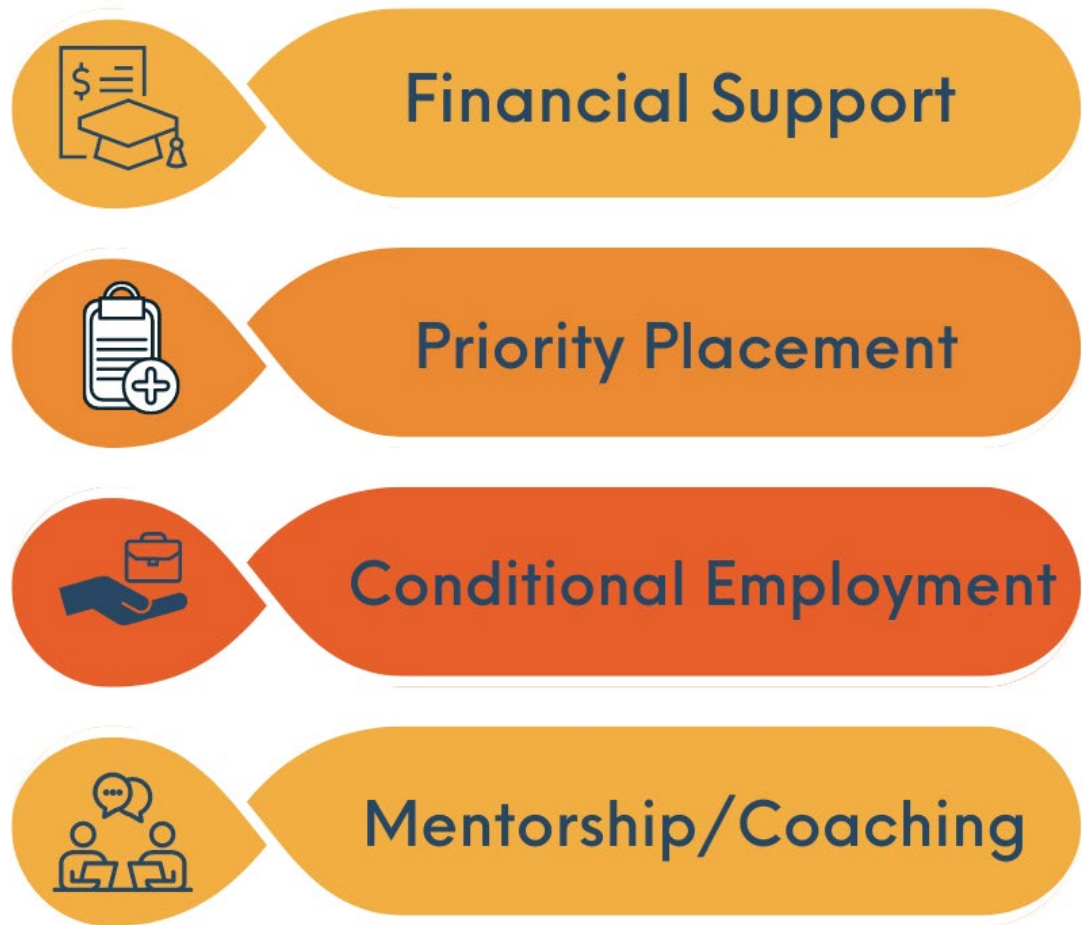
Redesign Academic  
Programs



Connect with Local  
Partners



# Industry Commitments



# Current Takeaways:

## Strengths

1. Student Interest in accelerated timeline
2. Student Success in accelerated timeline
3. Campus/Industry Partnership for Students
4. (hopeful) Strong Student Completion

## Challenges

1. Sustaining Industry Partnership
2. Cost to Provide multiple tracks of academic programming
3. Cost of summer attendance for students

# Questions?

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