Montana HealthCARE Abstract

1. **Applicant Name**: Missoula College-University of Montana
2. **Applicant City/State**: Missoula, Montana
3. **Consortium Member(s) and Consortium Member State(s)**: Bitterroot College UM, Hamilton, MT; Blackfeet Community College, Browning, MT; City College at MSU-Billings, Billings, MT; Chief Dull Knife College, Lame Deer, MT; Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell, MT; Gallatin College-MSU, Bozeman, MT; Great Falls College-MSU, Great Falls, MT; Helena College-UM, Helena, MT; Miles Community College, Miles City, MT; Missoula College UM, Missoula, MT; Highlands College of Montana Tech, Butte, MT; University of Montana-Western, Dillon, MT; Montana State University-Northern, Havre, MT; Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, MT; Stone Child College, Box Elder, MT
4. **Areas Served by Grant (by city, county, and state)**: State of Montana, All Counties, All Cities
5. **Total Funding Level Requested**: $14,998,597
6. **Sub-Total Requested Funding Amount by Consortium Member (if applicable):** Bitterroot: $158,789; Blackfeet: $637,940; City: $637,940; Chief Dull Knife: $158,789; Flathead: $637,940; Gallatin: $158,789; Great Falls: $637,940; Helena: $637,940; Miles: $637,940; Missoula: $7,934,206; Highlands: $637,940; Western: $145,132; Northern: $637,940; Salish Kootenai: $386,882; Stone Child: $158,789.
7. **Project Name**: Montana HealthCARE
8. **Project Description and List of Credentials to be Developed and Awarded**: Credentials to be awarded: Nursing pathway (Certified Nursing Assistant; Licensed Practical Nurse: Associate Degree Registered Nurse, bridge to BSN); Allied Health Certificates (Medical Assistant, Dental

Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician, Pharmacy Technician); Allied Health Degrees (Dental Hygienist, Health Information Technician). Project description: Strategies to address the gap between the state's educational capacity and healthcare employers' demands are: (1) Create statewide **healthcare pathways** characterized by stacked and latticed credentials and contextualized curricula; (2) Address Montana's **nursing** shortages by providing accelerated pathways to credential completion; (3) Increase **success for students** by providing services that better prepare adult learners for college; accelerate credential completion; coach students in pathway navigation; and provide access to distance education; and (4) **Engage the healthcare industry, education, workforce programs** and other stakeholders in healthcare workforce transformation; OJT and apprenticeship opportunities; rapid response cycle regional planning; and data driven approaches. This work will be **supplemented** by development of Core Curricula for administrative and clinical healthcare career pathways.

9. **Populations to be Served**: TAA-eligible workers, long-term unemployed, veterans, adults
10. **Targeted Industry(s)**: Healthcare
11. **Employer Partner(s)**: Welcov Healthcare (statewide); Billings Clinic (Billings)
12. **Public Workforce System Partner(s)**: Montana Department of Labor and Industry
13. **Other Key Partner(s)**: Montana Hospital Association; Montana Center for Advancement of Nursing; Montana Office of Rural Health and the Area Health Education
14. **Public Contact Information**: John Cech, Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education, 2500 Broadway, Helena, MT 59620-3201; (406) 444-0316; jcech@montana.edu
15. **Percentage of OER Program Materials Developed vs. Percentage of Licensed or Purchased Program Materials**: 100% of program materials will be developed as open educational resources.
16. **Data Tags**: accelerated learning, competency based training, stackable credentials, apprenticeships, career pathways, enhanced student services.