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Melissa Gulden, DBA, MA, is an Administrator in Education Administration at Mayo Clinic with more than 23 years of experience across Mayo Clinic and Mayo Clinic Health System (MCHS). She provides strategic and operational leadership for a diverse portfolio of enterprise education programs and initiatives, including workforce development, educational innovation, academic partnerships, and organizational transformation efforts that advance Mayo Clinic's mission in education, practice, and research.

Dr. Gulden serves as a member of the MCHS–Minnesota State University, Mankato Education Council, helping advance collaborative efforts that align academic programs with healthcare workforce priorities. Her work focuses on building sustainable partnerships that connect education and practice, creating opportunities for learners while supporting the future healthcare workforce. This workshop draws on those experiences to share practical strategies for developing successful academic-healthcare partnerships that address workforce challenges and create lasting impact.