



OVERVIEW

Wisconsin enacted authorizing legislation in 1994 to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Since that time, commissioners, commissioner alternates, and members of advisory committees from Wisconsin have provided and continue to provide important governance and strategic direction for MHEC.

HOW WISCONSIN BENEFITS FROM MHEC MEMBERSHIP

Savings and Support

- » **\$7.68M in total annual savings and support** for Wisconsin colleges, universities, school districts, and state and local governments, a 67-fold return on the annual compact membership commitment
- » \$5.91 in savings for distance education through the Midwestern-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement
- » \$1.74M in savings through MHEC technology contracts
- » \$29,831 in capacity building support (state grants, convenings, scholarships and travel grants)

Additional Opportunities and Support

- » A new \$250,000 MHEC Strategic Impact and Innovation Grant will fund the creation of the Wisconsin College and Career Attainment Network focused on aligning postsecondary education and workforce development.
- » MHEC continues to provide reports in response to requests from Wisconsin legislators and postsecondary leaders on topics including community and technical colleges offering baccalaureate degrees; legislation on dual enrollment to address shortage of dual enrollment courses in rural areas and discrepancies in dual credit course transfer; dual enrollment costs and the Higher Learning Commission requirement for eligible teachers; and measuring basic needs insecurity among college students.

The Midwestern Higher Education Compact brings together leaders from Midwestern states to strengthen postsecondary education and promote regional economic vitality



- » MHEC leverages the knowledge and expertise of postsecondary leaders to generate collaborative solutions to challenges in higher education.



- » MHEC's contracts and programs save colleges, universities, and students in its member states valuable time and millions of dollars annually.



- » MHEC research and policy initiatives support workforce readiness and improve the quality, accessibility, and affordability of postsecondary education.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2026-2028

Expand cost- and time-saving initiatives.

Support alignment of postsecondary education and workforce development.

Advance regional solutions for emerging topics in higher education.