MPC
Midwest Poultry Consortium

SUMMER 2027

BUILD YOUR FUTURE WITH *POULTRY*

Center of Excellence
Scholarship & Internship Program

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Hands-on learning • Industry connections
Paid internships • Up to 18 transferable credits

A SUMMER THAT LAUNCHES CAREERS

18	SCHOLARSHIPS	PAID	HANDS-ON
TRANSFERABLE ANIMAL SCIENCE CREDITS	HOUSING, FULL & PARTIAL TUITION	INTERNSHIP WITH LEADING COMPANIES	LEARNING THAT BUILDS SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE

Apply online by November 10, 2026 at mwpoultry.org
Submit your application for an opportunity to be part of COE 2027!

THE COE EXPERIENCE

Learn. Connect. Lead.

COE offers strong, research-based poultry science education; earn 18 credits in two six-week summer sessions. This series of courses can combine with a number of majors. Courses are taught at one of our participating universities, with credits transferring to the student's home university.

- Taught by nationally recognized faculty and industry professionals
- Up to18 credits that transfer to your home university
- Wednesday night forums and other industry networking
- Paid summer internships with leading poultry companies
- Build skills and connections for a successful career

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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FACULTY

Courses are taught by outstanding faculty from participating universities and experienced poultry industry professionals who bring real-world insight into every class.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT INDUSTRY FORUMS

Industry leaders join students each Wednesday evening for dinner, presentations, and discussions about today's poultry industry and tomorrow's opportunities.

LABS & INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Students use on-campus laboratories with modern equipment and audiovisual technology to build skills and deepen understanding through hands-on learning.

PAID INDUSTRY INTERNSHIPS

The second half of the summer, paid internships are offered by MPC sponsor companies for at least six weeks, allowing students to implement course material in real-world settings.

SUMMER SESSION I

POULTRY PRODUCTS TECHNOLOGY 3 cr.

May 17 - May 28, 2027*

Explores procurement, processing, and distribution of poultry meat, eggs, and further processed products. Composition, quality measurements, preservation, and economics are related to the biochemistry, microbiology, and technology involved in current processing methods.

AVIAN PHYSIOLOGY 3 cr.

May 31 - June 11, 2027*

Introduces systemic physiology of avian species with emphasis on functions related to production; included are endocrine and neural control, special senses, cognition and behavior, thermoregulation, and the major organ systems (cardiovascular, muscular, skeletal, respiratory, renal, and reproductive).

BREEDER FLOCK & HATCHERY MANAGEMENT 3 cr.

June 14 - June 25, 2027*

Focuses on the production of high quality day-old chicks and poults and the management factors involved with breeder flocks, incubation, and embryology. Aspects of operating a hatchery are also included. Field trip(s) are often included.

SUMMER SESSION II

POULTRY NUTRITION 3 cr.

May 17 - May 28, 2027*

Develop a conceptual understanding of nutrient requirements and feed production for optimal growth and production of commercial poultry species. The use of computer programming for feed formulation as well as practical aspects of feed milling/manufacturing are emphasized.

AVIAN HEALTH 3 cr.

May 31 - June 11, 2027*

Trains students to identify diseases that commonly plague poultry. Instruction on animal well-being, transport regulations, disease surveillance, and methods of disinfection and sanitation are included. Field trip(s) are often included.

POULTRY ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT 3 cr.

June 14 - June 25, 2027*

Offers current poultry management priorities presented by industry professionals. Segments of poultry business management that will be featured include: processing plant, feed milling, production complex, flock service personnel, transportation, construction of large poultry barns, etc.

Anticipated dates. Classes are planned to be held at Iowa State University. These are accelerated courses; therefore, **daily attendance is required. Curriculum subject to change.*

Earn up to 18 credits over two summers!

COE BY THE NUMBERS

COE is a unique program guiding students through recruitment, education, internship, employment, and networking opportunities in the poultry industry.

- Since the first class in 1996, MPC has sent 655 students through the COE. Of those, 287 students have earned their poultry emphasis by completing both summer sessions.
- A one-of-a-kind educational experience; student-faculty ratio and one-on-one attention are exceptional.

	Breakdown of COE Students																
Year	**Other**	**FL**	**IA**	**IL**	**IN**	**KS**	**MI**	**MN**	**MO**	**NE**	**ND**	**OH**	**SD**	**UWM**	**UWRF**	*****	**Total:**
2026	1	1 1	7	1	4 1	1	1 1	5 1	1	2 1	2	2	0	1 2	0	1	37
2025	1	2	6 2	1 1	5 2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1 1	0	1 1	0	0	32
2024	1	1 1	4 4	1	3 1	2	0	2 1	2 1	1	1	2 2	1	2	2	0	35
2023	1	3 1	4	0	1	1	3	1 1	3	0	1	2 1	1 1	1 1	2 1	0	30
2022	1	1	1 1	1	1 1	0	2 1	3 1	2 1	1	1	2	1 1	0	2 1	0	26
2021	0	2	3 2	1	2	2 1	1	2	3 2	2	1	2 2	1	1	0	0	30
2020	0	2 1	3 1	2	3 1	1	3 2	2	1	1	1	1 1	1	0	1 1	0	29
2019	1	2	3 3	1	2 3	1	2 2	2	1 1	1	2	3 1	2 1	1	1	0	36
2018	0	1 2	5 2	1 1	1 1	1	3	1	1	0	3 1	4 1	3 1	1	1	0	35
2017	1 1	2	3	1	2 1	1 1	4	2	1 1	1	2	4 2	2	3	1	0	36
1996-2016	12	23	47	27	90	37	64	51	12	24	14	38	21	97	37	22	616
Total:	20	46	101	39	125	50	90	77	35	35	30	70	37	112	50	23	942

*Students who paid their own tuition to attend COE classes or sponsor employed students.
Students receiving a partial scholarship to attend COE classes.

Total COE Students: 655
Students who completed both years: 287

INTERNSHIP STATISTICS

- In 2026, 31 paid industry internships were coordinated with MPC sponsor companies for COE students. Students received industry training to complement the knowledge gained from COE classes and labs.
- 85% of COE graduates said COE provided professional connections they remain in contact with today.**

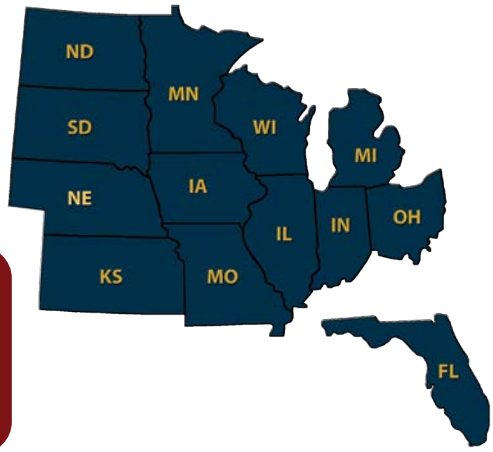
JOB STATISTICS

- 84% of students said the COE experience provided skills beneficial to their careers.**
- Poultry is a growing industry offering great career potential with opportunities in farm management, processing, veterinary medicine, research and development, feed and nutrition, welfare, engineering, sales and marketing, public policy, consumer education, and more.

***From the 5-year student survey done in 2023.*

PARTICIPATING STATES

COE students come from many states and universities to learn together, support one another, and build a lifelong network.



SHARED PASSION. COUNTLESS POSSIBILITIES.
Join a community of driven students, faculty, and industry professionals this summer.

UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

University of Florida
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Michigan State University
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
North Dakota State University
The Ohio State University
South Dakota State University
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

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Iowa Area Development Group
Iowa Cage Free
Iowa Egg Council
Iowa State University
Iowa Turkey Federation
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Maple Leaf Farms
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Michael Foods
Michigan Allied Poultry Ind.
Michigan Turkey Producers
Midwest Livestock Systems
Midwest Poultry Federation
Miller Poultry
Minnesota Turkey Research Promotion Council
Moba
MPS Egg Farms
Naturally Recycled Proteins
Nebraska Poultry Ind.
Nelson Poultry Farms
North American Gamebird Assn.
Nova-Tech Poultry
Novus International
Ohio Poultry Assn.
Opal Foods
Oskaloosa Food Products
Pilgrim's
Rembrandt Foods
Ridley Feed Ingredients
River View Farms
Rose Acre Farms
SANOVO Technology USA
Select Genetics
Sietsema Farms
Sonstegard Foods
South Dakota Poultry Ind. Assn.
StoneX Group
Summit
Sunrise Acres Egg Farms
Sure Conveyors
Tigges, Kent
Trillium Farm Holdings, LLC
Turkey Valley Farms
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University of Florida
University of Minnesota
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VALO BioMedia North America, LLC
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VSI
Wabash Valley Produce
Weaver Brothers Inc
West Liberty Foods
Wilson Veterinary Co.
Wisconsin Poultry & Egg Ind. Assn
Xgenex
Zoetis

WHAT COE GRADUATES SAY

Average salary for the starting positions below is $64,600 plus benefits!

"I owe much of my industry success thus far to the COE program. I am fortunate to have gained knowledge from the classes and internships and to have made many industry connections. I simply would not be where I am without the COE experience!"

Isaac Harreld
Hy-Line North America
Flock Service Manager
COE Class of 2022-2023

"COE gave me the opportunity to grow in my interest and knowledge in poultry. The hands-on learning, personal skills, and networking opportunities COE provided were invaluable and showed me the diverse careers within the poultry the industry."

Josh Mumm
Jamesway
Regional Sales Manager, Western US
COE Class of 2023-2024

"COE equipped me with a solid understanding of production systems, animal health, and industry best practices. The connections, knowledge, and skills I developed through the program have strengthened my career growth and enhanced my ability to contribute to the poultry industry."

Maggie Rinner
Jennie-O
Live Production Assistant Supervisor
COE Class of 2024

"Prior to COE, the poultry industry was not my planned career trajectory. After taking the classes and doing an internship at a commercial layer facility, I fell in love with the industry. I credit COE for my newfound passion and for aiding in finding a job post-grad and building my industry connections."

Zenzile' Samuels-Skinner
Rose Acre Farms
Poultry Production Manager Trainee
COE Class of 2025

READY TO APPLY?

IT'S EASY!

Follow the steps to start your COE journey.

APPLY ONLINE TODAY!
mwpoultry.org

Questions? Contact us at:
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1 CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY
- Undergraduate student in good standing
- Prerequisite: college level chemistry and/or biology

2 PREPARE YOUR MATERIALS
- Official transcript sent to MPC directly from your university
- A one-page statement of interest
- Resume
- Faculty reference contact information

3 APPLY ONLINE
- Visit mwpoultry.org
- Complete the application by November 10, 2026

4 VIRTUAL INTERVIEW
- Interviews will be conducted in November/December

Scholarship selection is based on the following criteria: faculty recommendation, academic record, application quality, and statement of interest. Preference is given to students enrolling in three consecutive courses per session and those willing to complete an internship. Selected recipients will be notified by January 4, 2027.

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Application Deadline
NOVEMBER 10, 2026
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