



**The Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) brings together leaders from 12 Midwestern states to strengthen postsecondary education, advance student success, and promote regional economic vitality.**

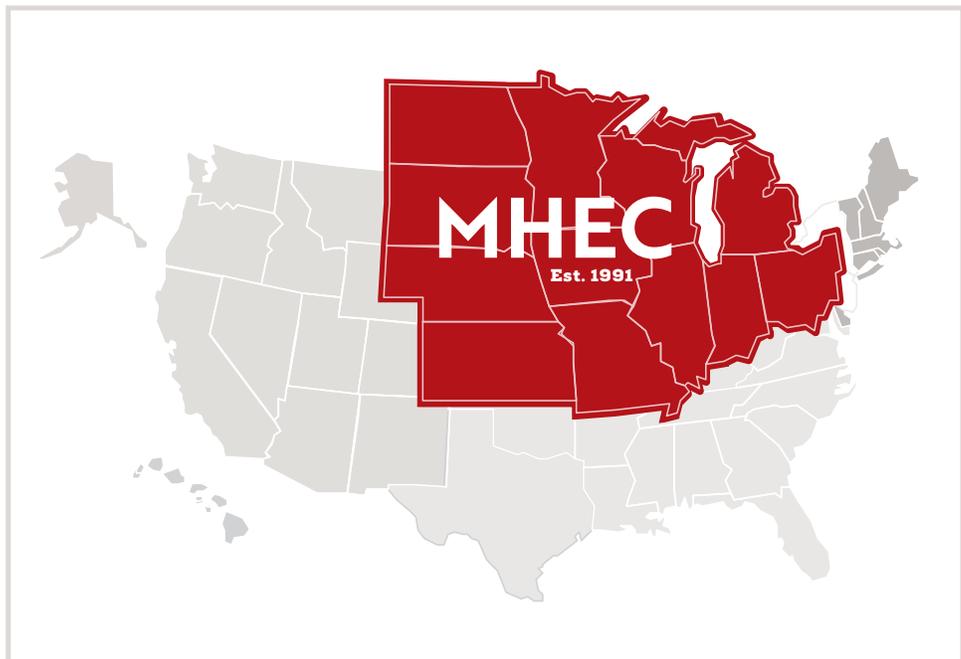
MHEC programs and initiatives save member states and students millions of dollars annually through time- and cost-savings opportunities. MHEC research and convenings generate ideas and policy that support workforce readiness and improve the quality, accessibility, and affordability of postsecondary education.

One of four regional higher education compacts in the U.S., MHEC was authorized through legislation in 1991. Its contracts, research, programs, and convenings are available to all public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education in the Midwest.

MHEC is governed by a 60-member commission. Each member state has five appointed commissioners: the governor or the governor's designee; two legislators, one from each house; and two other at-large members, at least one of whom shall be selected from the field of higher education.

**MEMBER STATES**

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- South Dakota
- Wisconsin



## MHEC'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

**Advance innovation, efficiency, and effectiveness** by piloting solutions to pressing issues and conducting research to produce actionable ideas.

**Develop collaborative solutions** to regional problems and leverage opportunities to make the Midwest region stronger.

**Drive significant cost savings** and help solve key business productions in postsecondary education through programs and contracts

## THE BENEFITS OF MHEC'S PROGRAM & INITIATIVES

In 2023-2024, MHEC member states, institutions, students, and families **saved a combined \$99.2M** through MHEC programs and contracts.

- » **Technology savings.** States and institutions saved \$32.2M through MHEC technology contracts in just the last year.
- » **Insurance.** MHEC offers a collaborative, regionwide approach to support student health and wellness. MHEC also continues to explore other opportunities to save money and reduce risk in the areas of insurance.
- » **Distance education.** By participating in the Midwestern State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (M-SARA), states saved \$37.1M in 2023-2024. Without M-SARA, institutions must undertake a costly state-by-state, institution-by-institution approach.
- » **Tuition Reciprocity.** Students and their families who participated in the Midwest Student Exchange Program saved \$29.8M in 2023-2024.

