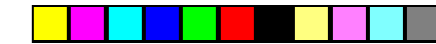


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*"Our hands-on approach allows  
our Equine Studies majors to make  
the leap from textbook learning to  
real-life decisions with confidence."*

*Dr. Elisabeth Giedt, D.V.M.,  
Assistant Professor of Equine Studies*

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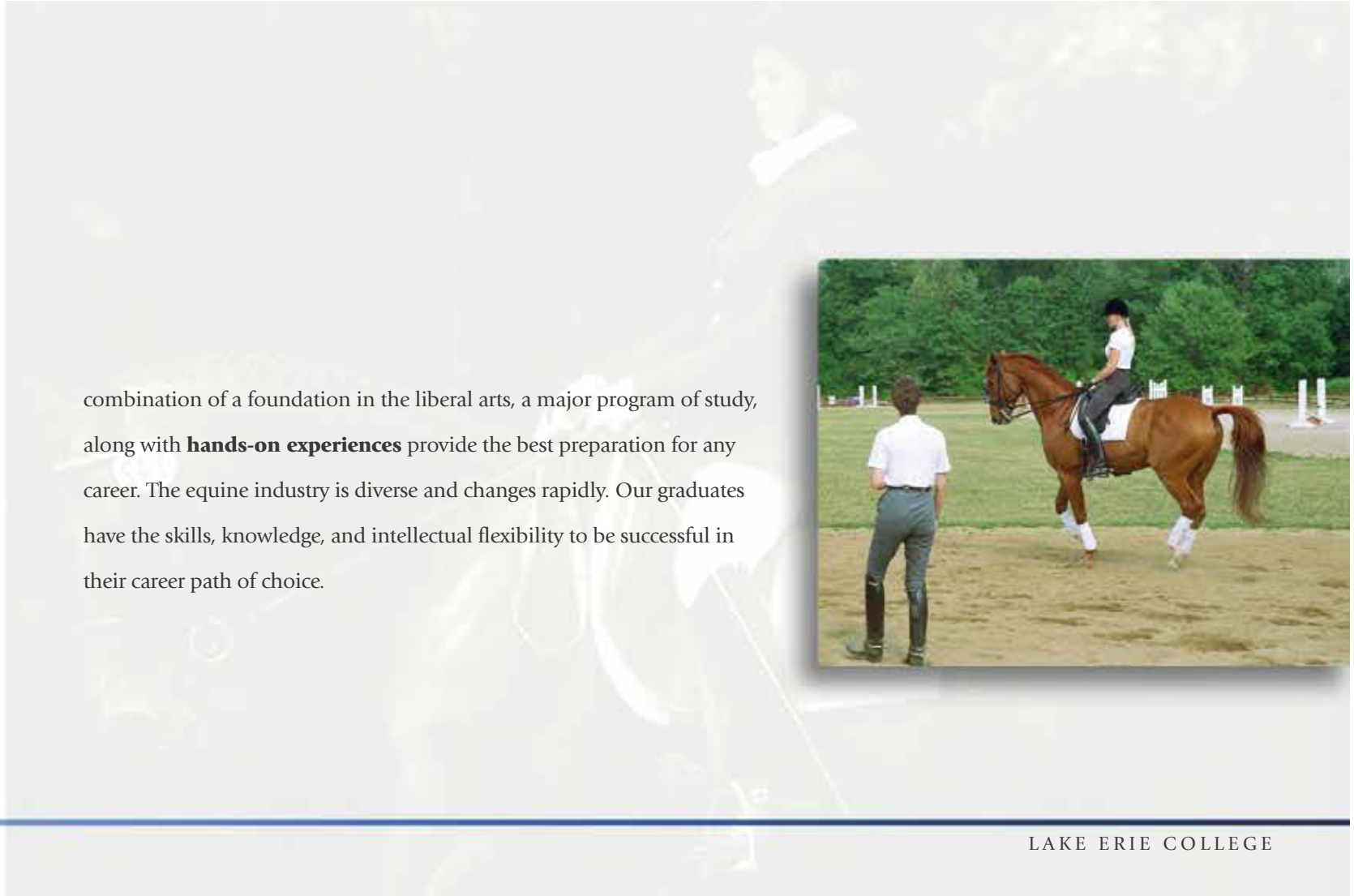
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# the program



The degree awarded to Equine Studies Facility Management and Teacher/Trainer majors is the **Bachelor of Science in Equine Studies**. Our courses, internships and hands-on experiences provide students with a unique blend of academic rigor and technical expertise. We believe that the



combination of a foundation in the liberal arts, a major program of study, along with **hands-on experiences** provide the best preparation for any career. The equine industry is diverse and changes rapidly. Our graduates have the skills, knowledge, and intellectual flexibility to be successful in their career path of choice.

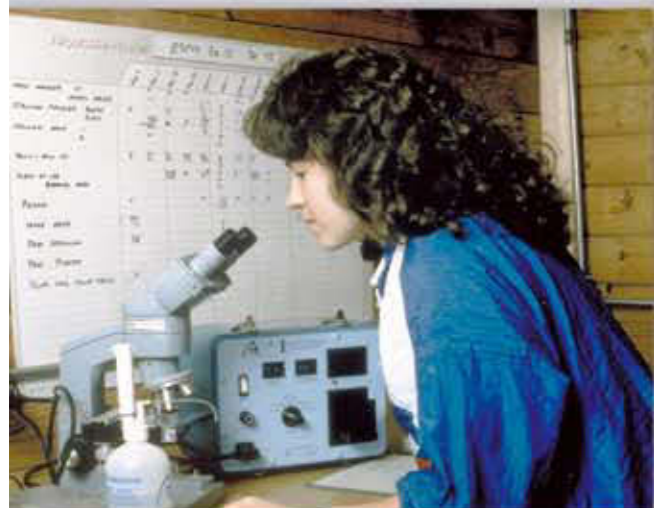




# themajors

## equine studies majors and concentrations

**Equine Business & Facility Management** is designed for students interested in the management of any type of equine facility. In addition to the core equine studies courses, students take upper level business courses that prepare them for careers within the horse industry such as equine pharmaceutical sales and marketing, equine nutrition, insurance, and equine vacations. The equine industry is represented by nearly 7 million horses and has an annual economic impact of over \$100 billion in the United States. This is an excellent choice for students who aspire to a business-oriented career in the industry.



**Equestrian Teacher/Trainer** is designed for students with sufficient knowledge, athletic skill and dedication to follow a career path in riding & training horses and instructing riders. In addition to the core equine studies courses (including business) students are expected to practice their riding skills diligently. Teacher/trainer majors must display proficiency in dressage, hunters, jumpers and combined training. Students spend time working with young horses and teaching inexperienced riders to gain the skills, confidence and knowledge necessary to pursue a career as a trainer and teacher.





### equine facility management major

This program is designed for the individual interested in providing top quality management of an equine facility (boarding barn, training or competition stable, sales facility, horse show complex, etc.). This is an ideal major for the student interested in overseeing quality care of horses, while working with people in a business situation.

### equine business management concentration

In addition to the Facility and Teacher/Trainer major, equine majors may concentrate on additional business courses. This concentration develops a strong business background for every facet of the horse industry.

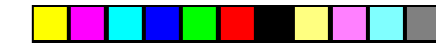
### stud farm / facility management

This program, in combination with the Facility Management major or the Teacher/Trainer major, prepares individuals for positions of responsibility in the equine breeding business. This concentration provides a specialized foundation in Equine Science for students preparing for veterinary or graduate level programs.

### study abroad

Lake Erie College strongly encourages study abroad for all students. Equine Studies majors may select from several international equestrian experiences. Students have attended colleges with equine programs in England, Ireland and Australia. Students may also spend a semester abroad in other countries, and arrange to ride at local stables.





answers to common questions

# the answers



in what riding discipline does lake erie college offer instruction?

**Combined Training, Dressage, Hunters and Jumpers.** Western is available as a Special Topics course, per student demand.

how many horses does lake erie college own?

LEC owns over **65 horses**. The majority are used in riding classes. Several are specifically used in our breeding program.

at what training level are the college horses?

LEC horses range from lower level "packers" to upper level horses including dressage school masters, hunters and jumpers.

the equestrian facility is 6 miles from campus. how do students get to and from the facility?

A college shuttle service runs 6 days a week, in conjunction with class schedules.



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how many hours a week do students ride and spend at the barn?

The hours a student spends at the barn depends on the semester course schedule. The typical freshman is at the barn for Stable Management in the morning, is enrolled in at least one riding class 2 days per week, and has the option to practice during recreational riding all day Friday and Saturday morning.

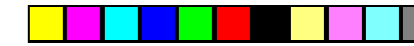
may students board their horse at lake erie college?

**Absolutely!** Several boarding plans are available. Students may ride their own horse in class or use a school horse. It is strongly recommended that teacher/trainer majors ride a variety of horses to gain the necessary experience required to become an effective professional.

if a student brings a horse, will it be used in the lesson program?

**Absolutely not!** Unless specifically directed by you, no other person is allowed to ride your horse!





#### what equipment is required?

Students must have breeches, boots, gloves and an approved ASTM helmet. Students may wear paddock shoes and chaps for recreational riding. LEC provides tack. Any student owned saddle may be used on school horses after your riding instructor has approved of the fit.

#### what intercollegiate riding teams are available?

At a national level, Lake Erie College students may become members of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (hunter seat and western), the Interscholastic Dressage Association (dressage), and the Intercollegiate Combined Training Association (ICTA). Locally, the Team de Ville Club supports the Jumper and Dressage Team de Villes and students who have been selected to participate on a team.

#### who can participate in intercollegiate teams?

Any student may participate as long as they fulfill the following requirements. Students must be enrolled in a riding class or take weekly lessons at the equestrian center, participate as required, be a full time student, and maintain a **2.0 GPA**.



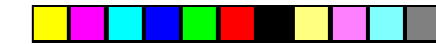
#### are there opportunities to show outside of intercollegiate horse shows?

**Yes.** Lake Erie College offers a recognized Hunter/Jumper and Dressage Show Series at our facility. Students may use their own horse or arrange with their instructor to use an appropriate school horse. There are also numerous other show facilities in the area.

#### how do students arrange internships?

Students begin by contacting our internship office. Additionally, our Equine faculty and advisors will assist students in locating appropriate internships. Lake Erie College is routinely contacted by various businesses, stables and professionals seeking summer interns and working students.





- Temple Farm, IL.**
- Currah Equestrian Center, TX.**
- Hilltop Farm, MD**
- Iron Spring, PA**
- Lewis & Lewis, OH**
- The Oaks, CA**
- Mountain Glen Stable, OH**
- Equissential, Inc., FL**
- Breitenwald Farm, OH**
- The Andrews School, OH**
- Fieldstone Farm/Therapeutic Riding Center, OH**
- Willows Equestrian Center, PA**
- Fair Day Farm, MI**
- Kamerica Farms, VT**
- Fox Creek Stables, IL**
- Randall Veterinary Clinic, OH**

# the internships

Internships provide opportunities for students to gain experience and make contacts by participating in a working environment in their area of interest. Some equine internship sites include:



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# thecompetitions

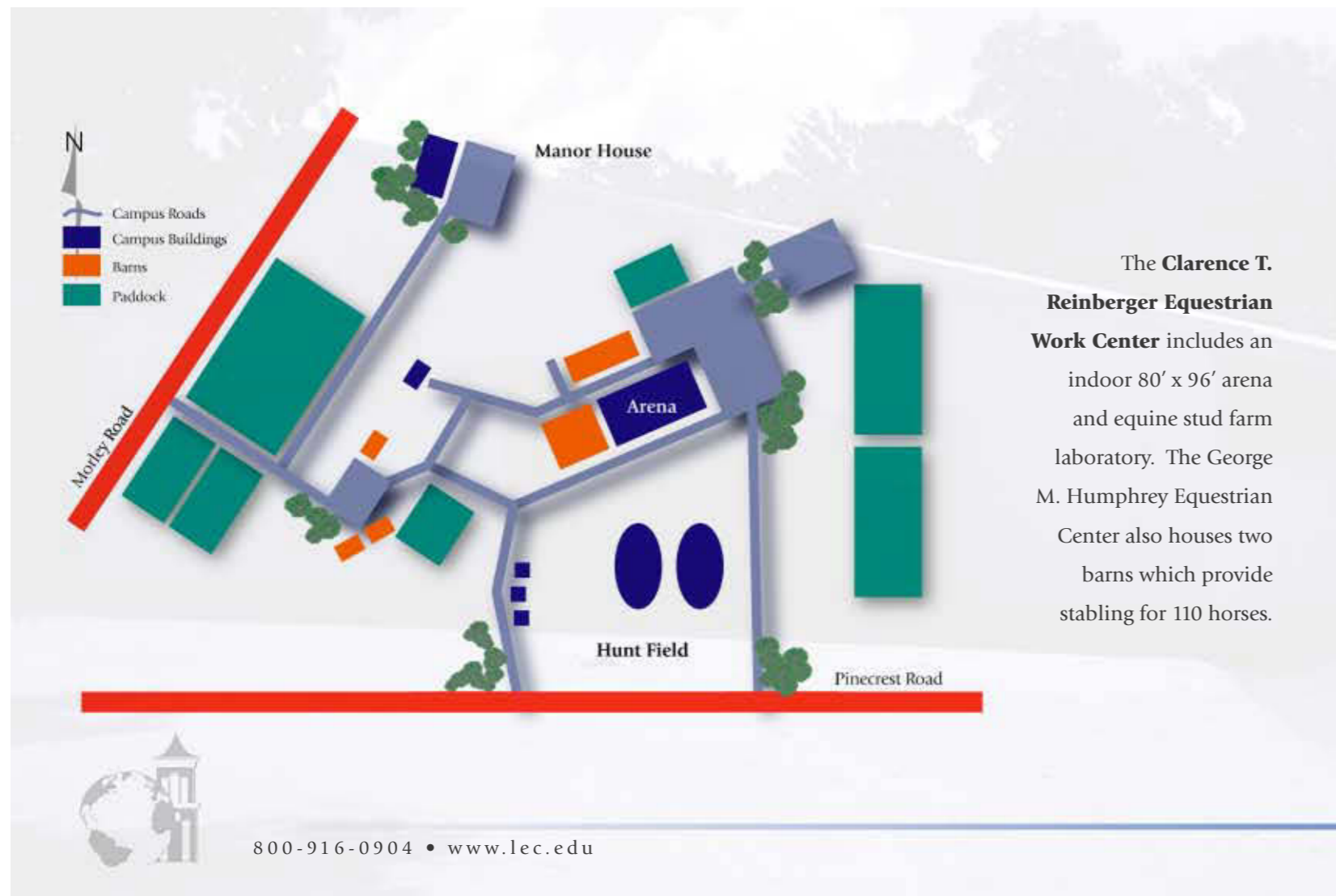
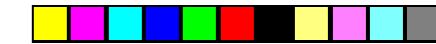


- IHSA Hunt Seat Team**
- IHSA Western Team**
- IDA Dressage Team**
- Combined Training Team**
- Jumper and Dressage Team de Ville Competitions**
- Dressage Derby of Ohio**
- USA Equestrian Hunter/Jumper Show Series**
- USA Equestrian & USDF Dressage Show Series**



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The **Clarence T. Reinberger Equestrian Work Center** includes an indoor 80' x 96' arena and equine stud farm laboratory. The George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center also houses two barns which provide stabling for 110 horses.

# thefacilities

The Lake Erie College **George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center** is located in Concord Township, approximately six miles from the main campus. The center features a 100' x 225' indoor arena with seating for 1,000 spectators, an attached 70' x 130' warm-up arena, two outdoor sand dressage arenas, one limestone arena, a hunt field with cross country obstacles, including two banks and trails.



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