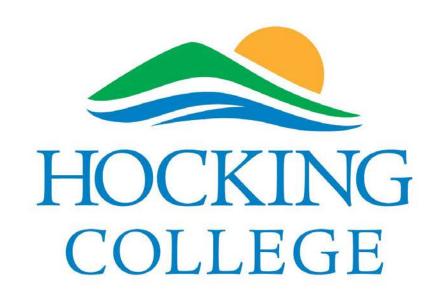
## FIELD-BASED LEARNING AS A PATHWAY TO JOB READINESS



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#### Field Based Learning

#### Leading to workforce readiness

- Active learning
- Students not just learning "what", but also "how"
- Engagement improves retention
- •Experiential learning → "On-the-job" training
- Curriculum is a path to a career
- •8-week schedule provides blocks of time
- Campus and Facilities
- Culture of entrepreneurship



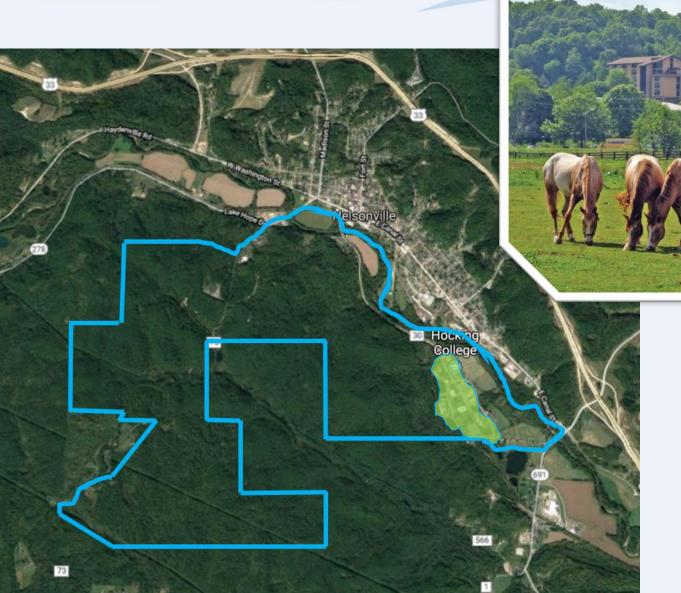
Natural Resources Programming

Leading to workforce readiness

- Wildlife Resource Management
- Forest Management
- Fish Management and Aquaculture
- NR Law Enforcement
- Equine Sciences (x4)
- Agroecology
- Water and Wastewater Management
- Animal Assisted Therapy
- Parks and Museum Education
- Ecotourism and Adventure Leadership

















**Learning Laboratories & Entrepreneurial Enterprises** 

#### Facilities:

- Fish Hatchery
- Robbins Crossing Living History Village
- Nature Center Parks and Museum Education
- Logan Farm AgroEcology
- Canine Grooming and Boarding
- HC Outfitters Ecotourism and Adventure Leadership
- Lake Snowden NR Law Enforcement
- International Programs



A learning laboratory





Equine Science







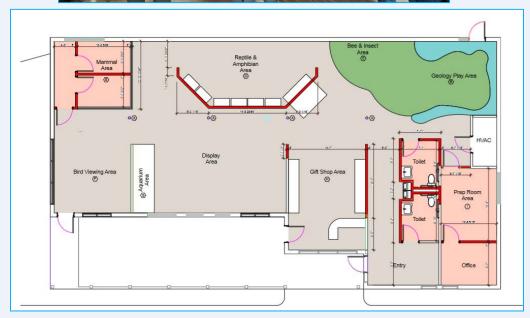






Nature Center









Logan Farm













Canine Grooming and Boarding



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NR Law Enforcement









#### Hocking College & ODNR



- Long-standing relationship
- ODNR retirees in faculty ranks
- Advisory Boards
- Alumni in the ODNR ranks
- Internships/Practicum





## International Experiences

**Canada Field School** 







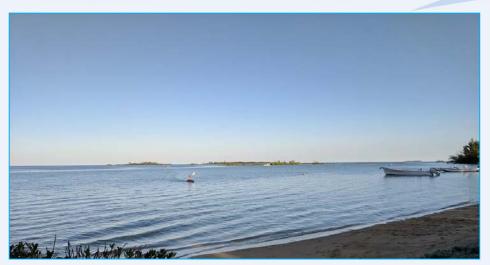






## International Experiences

**Bahamas Field School** 











#### Workforce Development

#### **Field-Based Experiential Learning**

- Advanced Energy
- Automotive Technology
- Baking
- Chemical and Medical Cannabis Laboratory Sciences
- Carpentry
- Commercial & Residential Electricity
- Culinary Arts
- Fermentation Science
- Heavy Equipment Management
- Hospitality
- Welding

# Public Safety Allied Health & Nursing

Arts, Business & Science



#### Natural Resources

#### **Field-Based Experiential Learning**

- Students graduating from Hocking College in two years are strongly qualified to enter the workforce in their chosen field primarily because of the hand-on, field-based experiential teaching and learning that is at the foundation of our programs.
- They have not only learned about their field, but they have become experienced practitioners in their field.
- This leads to faster promotions in the work force and greater success in a 4-year program.