Intern Professional Development Program

The **HCEDC Intern Professional Development Program** is an investment in both your future *and* our communities. This series is designed to help interns build real-world skills, grow in confidence, and feel connected to Hancock County.

Through interactive sessions and networking experiences, interns will:

- Build professional communication and leadership skills
- Gain self-awareness and tools to manage stress
- Connect with business leaders and regional peers
- Learn about local career pathways and opportunities
- Get to know Hancock County and feel welcomed as part of the community

By creating meaningful connections, this program helps interns not only succeed in their current roles—but also see Hancock County as a place to begin and grow their careers.

Program Fee: $100 per intern
(Includes all training sessions and networking events.)

Register online:
👉 https://www.hancockcountyiowa.com/opportunities/internship-program

2026 Internship Program

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Program Benefits

- Making Connections
- Resume Building
- Workplace Professionalism
- Finances
- Partnerships
- Social Media-Marketing Yourself
- Importance of Community Involvement

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2026
HCEDC Intern Professional Development Series

Garner Education Center 325 W. 8th Street, Garner
7:30–9:00 AM
(Unless otherwise noted)

May 28-Welcome Interns & Success Through Professionalism
Brenda Clark Hamilton
Practical tips for making a strong professional impression.

June 4-Thrive at Work: Mental Wellness & Work–Life Balance
Michelle Hankins, LMHC, LBSW
Tools to manage stress and create healthy balance.

June 11-Enneagram Foundations for Self-Awareness
Katrina Klooster & Leah Reinert
Understand your motivations, strengths, and stress patterns

June 18 | 4:30–6:00 PM Regional Intern Networking Dinner
Clear Lake Art Center – Clear Lake | Speaker TBA
Network with regional interns and enjoy Thursdays on Main.

June 25-Using the Enneagram to Improve Workplace Communication
Katrina Klooster & Leah Reinert
Learn how to adapt your communication for stronger teamwork.

July 9-Using social media to Build Your Professional Brand
Katrina Klooster
Build your reputation, avoid common mistakes, and market yourself online.

July 16-Connect With Your Community
Learn the value of involvement and building local connections.

July 23-Finances & Your Future
Clear Lake Bank & Trust Team
Learn how to manage money, make smart decisions, and plan ahead.

July 28-| 3:00pm to 6pm Intern Golf Outing
TBA Golf Course
Golf and Dinner Intern Networking event.