

Proposed Partnership Between Ivy Tech State College and Vincennes University

Points to Consider...

- The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that by the turn of the century, 65% of all the new jobs in the U.S. will require education beyond high school, but less than a four-year degree. According to the 1996 U.S. Census Bureau Report, **the percentages of people who have more than a high school diploma but less than a four-year degree in the U.S., Indiana, and Region 9 respectively are 24.9%, 21.9% and 18.2%.**
- **The percentage of first and second year students enrolled in two-year colleges across the country is 53.5%; in Indiana only 17.0% of first and second year students are enrolled in two-year colleges.**
- **Based on a 1995 report, Indiana is tied with Montana as the state with the second most expensive structural mix of postsecondary institutions in the nation. Indiana's mix is skewed toward doctoral/research institutions, and away from two-year institutions. Because it costs more to deliver instruction at doctoral/research institutions than at two-year institutions, an appropriated dollar doesn't go as far in Indiana as in the nation as a whole.**
- **Indiana ranks poorly in the number of residents holding two-year liberal arts and sciences degrees.** The Associate degrees conferred per 100,000 population aged 18 - 44 in liberal arts and sciences for selected states and the nation are:

➤ Indiana	23
➤ Michigan	153
➤ Ohio	53
➤ Illinois	189
➤ Kentucky	134
➤ Entire U.S.	138
- Overall, **Indiana's associate degree production per capita is 14.4% below the national average;** however, high school diploma and baccalaureate degree production in Indiana respectively are 17.6% and 19.9% above the national average.
- **Indiana ranks 29th in the country, and 6.7% below the national average, in the number of residents who participate in higher education.**
- **Indiana's two-year college fees are 45% higher than the national average for two-year colleges.**
- **Lack of participation in higher education, low two-year liberal arts and science degree production, and two-year college tuition rates well above the national average have limited the earning potential of Hoosiers and severely constrained Indiana's economic development.**

- States with high adult participation rates in postsecondary education have community college systems. In fact, **the 10 states in the U.S. with the highest participation rates in postsecondary education all have community colleges.** Community college systems traditionally offer lower tuition, a broad range of general courses, job-specific training, business and industry workforce skill training, and a supportive environment for students needing assistance with basic academic skills.
- The proposed partnership between Ivy Tech State College and Vincennes University offers increased programmatic access (broader course and degree opportunities) to Hoosiers. Complementing the Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Science degrees already provided by Ivy Tech, the partnership will provide two Vincennes associate degrees at 22 Ivy Tech campuses (an Associate of Arts degree and a “generic” Associate of Science degree).
- The proposed freeze (or reduction of \$100 per year) of fees over the next 4 years will bring two-year college tuition in Indiana closer to the average tuition levels nationally, making Indiana’s two-year programs more financially accessible.
- Ivy Tech’s statewide network of campuses and learning centers provides the geographic strength and platform for expanded student access through the new partnership.
- Ivy Tech has always had a major role in strengthening Indiana’s workforce. Complementing the expanded degree program opportunities that will be available on Ivy Tech campuses will be an expansion of Ivy Tech’s workforce certification and workforce development programs.
- In summary, **the proposed partnership between Ivy Tech State College and Vincennes University will provide:**
 - Increased postsecondary course offerings throughout the state.
 - Increased accessibility – 22 Ivy Tech campus locations statewide.
 - Increased opportunities to pursue and complete two-year college degrees.
 - Greater opportunities to apply two-year degree coursework toward baccalaureate degrees in the liberal arts.
 - Lower tuition.
 - **Increased enrollments in postsecondary education, a more highly skilled workforce, and a stronger Indiana economy.**