

# Student & Community

## Comments on the Biotechnology program

Carolyn Eastwood, Sr. Project Coordinator  
KP Pharmaceutical Technology Inc.

“Ivy Tech’s intern has been well trained for the industry and the intern has good grasp and head start on manufacturing process at our company. It is has been an easy transition to apply skills and knowledge for regulatory requirements.”

Bo Henry, Quality Technical Specialist  
Cook Pharmica, LLC

“The Survey of Biotechnology Manufacturing is an excellent opportunity for students looking to start careers in a rapidly growing industry. I’ve worked at both Baxter and Cook Pharmica over the past year and am excited to report multiple hires from the program at each company.”

Reuben Lidster, Private Consultant

“The Survey of Biotechnology Manufacturing is producing qualified candidates for entry level positions at BioConvergence. For example, BioConvergence has recently hired its first Survey of Biotechnology Manufacturing graduate as a full time employee.”

Mark Hera, Quality Engineer II  
Boston Scientific

“The Survey of Biotechnology Manufacturing has filled a significant gap in the medical device industry. There is substantial need for technicians knowledgeable in manufacturing processes, testing, and FDA regulations. While the Survey of Biotechnology Manufacturing provides instruction based on an established curriculum, it still allows for our company to tailor the classes to our specific needs.”

Marietta Ocampo, Survey of Biotechnology  
Manufacturing Graduate, June 2008

“The Survey of Biotechnology Manufacturing benefits both students with experience and those with little to no experience at all. I took the medical device class to gain knowledge about that industry. It’s worth it! I will recommend this class to others who are interested.”

## Industry Survey Comments

Survey conducted by Indiana University Center for Education and Education Policy (CEEP), 2008

- “Ivy Tech will continue to have the opportunity to collaborate with our company and industry in general and should be the primary avenue for educations and preparing our local work force for the new job opportunities and community needs for the future.”
- “Ivy Tech’s biotechnology program greatly benefits the biotech companies in the area by providing students that have a good understanding of their potential positions and the requirements of the job.”
- “Our company requires knowledge of our industry that this program provides. It speeds up the process of hiring knowledgeable and prepared employees. It also helps us to develop our local workforce to meet the needs of our industry.”

Shawn Zerkle, Survey of Biotechnology  
Manufacturing Graduate, March 2008

“I learned a great deal from the Survey of Biotechnology Manufacturing, and believe I am a better future employee. I greatly appreciate the patience and kindness of my instructors. All of them were exceptional teachers, easy to talk to and happy to answer questions about concepts introduced in class. Their intimate knowledge of and experience in the industry is clear.”

