Transfer Single Articulation Pathways (TSAP) Q&A

1. **Q. Which programs are TSAP versions as of Spring 2017?**
   
   **A.** The AS degrees in Business Administration (including via Distance Education), Computer Science (including via Distance Education), Criminal Justice (including via Distance Education), Early Childhood Education, Education – Elementary, Education – Special Education, Electrical Engineering Technology, Human Services (Social Work option only), Informatics (including via Distance Education), Mechanical Engineering Technology, and Nursing (traditional program only) are all TSAP programs effective Fall 2015. Mechanical Engineering was added in the fall 2016. In fall 2017, new TSAP programs will be available in biology, chemistry, human services (human services option), and psychology. Each TSAP degree is not necessarily available at every region or campus.

2. **Q. Who is eligible for a TSAP program?**
   
   **A.** Students matriculating after May 1, 2015 are eligible for the Transfer Single Articulation Pathway program. Students who enrolled at Ivy Tech prior to May 1, 2015 may be eligible by meeting both of the following conditions: (1) changing their catalog year to Fall 2015 or later; (2) completion of at least 50% of the coursework for their degree after May 1, 2015. No coursework taken at Ivy Tech prior to Fall 2014 can be counted toward completion of a TSAP program. The 50% coursework requirement will be taken into account in the degree audits (Degree Completion Tracker/u.achieve).

3. **Q. What about students with Ivy Tech coursework prior to Fall 2014? What are their options?**
   
   **A.** Students with Ivy Tech coursework prior to Fall 2014 have two options:
   1. retake any pre-Fall 2014 coursework and complete the TSAP degree
   2. stay on the non-TSAP version of the degree and complete according to the curriculum requirements in effect for the particular catalog year in effect for them.

4. **Q. What about readmitted students since Fall 2015 with Ivy Tech coursework prior to Fall 2014?**
   
   **A.** Students who are readmitted for Fall 2015 or later who wish to major in one of the TSAP degree areas but have Ivy Tech coursework taken prior to Fall 2014 can be placed in the non-TSAP version of the program. The old Banner codes for these programs can be used with a catalog year of 2015-16. 2 01-31-17

5. **Q. If a readmitted student is pursuing the non-TSAP version of the program, what curriculum requirements will the student be following?**
   
   **A.** The curriculum requirements in effect for the 2014-15 catalog year will be the curriculum requirements the student will follow with one exception. Students who are admitted to the traditional Nursing program for Fall 2015 who have Ivy Tech coursework taken prior to Fall 2014 will be placed into a non-TSAP traditional Nursing program whose degree requirements are the same as those students in the TSAP version of the program.
6. Q. How long will the non-TSAP versions of the curriculum be available for students who have Ivy Tech coursework taken prior to Fall 2014?
A. The non-TSAP 2014 version of the curriculum is available for students who are disadvantaged by following the TSAP curriculum. It is not an option for new transfer or first-year students. Students who have been enrolled at Ivy Tech but who have discontinued enrollment for six or more terms may choose to re-enroll in the 2014 version of the curriculum in order to avoid having to repeat multiple courses to earn their degree. Such students are advised that they will not be receiving a TSAP degree; therefore, the guaranteed transfer of credit into the 4 year program does not apply. There are two exceptions to this: (1) nursing, where a non-TSAP ASN will continue to be offered; and (2) Business Administration, where a non-TSAP AS allows students to choose different mathematics courses than those required for TSAP.

7. Q. Are there other circumstances that may place a student into the non-TSAP version of the program?
A. If a student has been enrolled at Ivy Tech prior to Fall 2015, but on or after Fall 2014, and has any course substitutions in his/her program, that student CANNOT be on the TSAP version of the program. The TSAP does not allow for any course substitutions in degree requirements, so if a course substitution is deemed necessary by the region, it will place the student into the non-TSAP version of the curriculum and that student will follow the 2014-15 curriculum for the program (with the Nursing exception listed above).

8. Q. Will Ivy Tech continue to offer non-TSAP AS degrees as an option for new students should they prefer not to take the TSAP?
A. As stated above, there are no non-TSAP AS options starting in fall 2015 with two exceptions. The AS in business allows for a non-TSAP option for students who wish to take six hours from MATH 135, 136 and 137 instead of the quantitative reasoning courses required for the TSAP business degree. Students who choose this option will not receive a TSAP degree so the guaranteed transfer does not apply.

9. Q. How does the Statewide Transfer General Education Core (STGEC) annotation work with the TSAP degrees?
A. If a student comes to Ivy Tech with the STGEC annotation from another institution, Ivy Tech will do the following:
   - match up all General Education course requirements in the student’s chosen TSAP curriculum with coursework taken at the other institution
   - ensure that the student receives a minimum of 30 credits in transfer credit.

This may mean that the student would still need to take some general education courses at Ivy Tech, if the coursework from the other institution does not exactly match the curricular requirements of the TSAP degree. Transfer credit may be used in the TSAP programs; however, no curricular substitutions may be made.
10. **Q. Are there any course exchanges that are permissible in TSAP programs?**
   A. As of January 2017, there are several allowable course exchanges for TSAP programs:
      1. Business Administration TSAP program—The following course exchange has been approved: MATH 211 for MATH 201.
      2. IVYT 111—If a student takes an IVYT course other than 111 (which is the one required for the TSAP degrees), that course will be allowed to exchange for IVYT 111. This is because the course outcomes do not map to the statewide TSAP competencies.
      3. Electrical Engineering Technology—The following course exchanges have been approved: MATH 211 for MATH 221, MATH 212 for MATH 222, PHYS 220 for PHYS 101, PHYS 221 for PHYS 102, and CHEM 105 for CHEM 111.
      4. Mechanical Engineering Technology—The following course exchanges have been approved: MATH 211 for MATH 221, MATH 212 for MATH 222, PHYS 220 for PHYS 101 and CHEM 105 for CHEM 111.

      Program chairs with potential exchanges should discuss them with the applicable CO Academic Affairs liaison to begin the process to have the course exchange approved.

11. **Q. What about students who transfer in work taken prior to Fall 2014 at other universities?**
    A. If a student transfers into Ivy Tech from another regionally accredited institution that work can be transferred into a TSAP program as long as it meets our normal course transfer requirements. It does not have to be taken Fall 2014 or after. The Fall 2014 stipulation applies only to coursework taken at Ivy Tech. However, the transfer of credit into Ivy Tech must have occurred since the start of fall semester 2014, which must be posted correctly to the term of transfer to Ivy Tech, not when the course was taken at the other institution. This term posting requirement also applies to AP credit.

12. **Q. Are there any restrictions on the type of coursework that can be applied to a TSAP degree?**
    A. Yes. The legislation that created the single articulation pathways states that only coursework resulting in Advanced Placement credit, dual credit, International Baccalaureate credit, and credit from regionally accredited institutions may apply to an associate’s degree within a Transfer Single Articulation Pathway. Therefore, students who wish to apply credit for coursework through other means such as CLEP, DANTES, or transfer from a non-regionally accredited institution will not be able to receive a TSAP degree. In addition, prior learning assessment (PLA) credit cannot be used to meet TSAP degree requirements.

13. **Q. Is Ivy Tech dual credit coursework taken prior to Fall 2014 eligible to be used in a TSAP program?**
    A. No. The student would either need to retake the coursework to be in a TSAP program, or be placed in the non-TSAP version of the program.

14. **Q. Will a “D” grade count for a TSAP degree?**
    A. Yes, as long as the program does not require a higher grade standard. If a program has a higher grade standard for all students then the higher grade standard applies to the TSAP degree.
15. **Q. Will a “D” grade transfer when the student goes to transfer to another school?**
   A. Maybe; TSAP legislation requires that incoming transfer students be treated the same as native students. Therefore, if the receiving institution requires “C” or better from all students then the “D” grade will not transfer but the student will still be awarded the total number of credits earned at Ivy Tech.

16. **Q. Will we transfer in “D” grades for a TSAP degree?**
   A. No, but if a student has earned a STGEC we will give the student the required 30 credits. However, the student may have to retake the course for which the student received a “D” grade, if a higher grade is required by Ivy Tech for all students.