

Ivy Tech Apprenticeship Hub

Informational Session – Questions & Answers

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Q: Does the Apprenticeship Hub work separately from CareerLink, or do you partner with them?

A: The Apprenticeship Hub works in partnership with CareerLink and other workforce partners. While the Hub serves as Ivy Tech's statewide registered apprenticeship sponsor and technical assistance lead, we collaborate closely with CareerLink, workforce boards, and state partners to ensure employers and students receive coordinated support, referrals, and resources.

Q: At what stage should we invite the Apprenticeship Hub to meet with an employer interested in sponsoring their own apprenticeship program?

A: As early as possible. The Apprenticeship Hub can engage with employers at the initial exploration stage, even before a program is fully defined. Early involvement allows us to:

- Explain the Registered Apprenticeship (RAP) model
- Guide employers through the USDOL registration process
- Align training with Ivy Tech credentials and coursework
- Ensure programs are compliant, sustainable, and employer-driven

Whether an employer is just curious or ready to move forward, the Hub can provide support.

Q: How does OWBLA fit into our apprenticeship work?

A: OWBLA (Office of Work-Based Learning and Apprenticeship) is a key statewide partner that supports registered apprenticeship across Indiana. Ivy Tech works

collaboratively with OWBLA, the Department of Workforce Development, workforce boards, and CareerLink to align policy, funding, and employer engagement efforts.

Q: Where can I find information about the Early Childhood Education (ECE) apprenticeship, including the CDA option?

A: Information on Ivy Tech's Early Childhood Education apprenticeship pathways, including CDA-aligned models, is available on the Ivy Tech Apprenticeship. These programs are designed to support both adult learners and youth pathways and align with industry and credentialing requirements. Please reach out to the Apprenticeship HUB for detailed information on apprenticeship alignment.

Q: Can you provide more information about the new youth-based Early Childhood Education apprenticeship?

A: Yes. Ivy Tech currently supports both adult and youth-based Early Childhood Education apprenticeship models. The youth-based model allows high school students to begin a registered apprenticeship while completing their education, creating a seamless pathway into postsecondary credentials and employment. Additional details and program materials are available through the Apprenticeship Hub.

Q: Are high school students (Dual Credit or Dual Enrollment) eligible for apprenticeship work?

A: Yes. High school students may be eligible to participate in registered apprenticeship programs when program requirements are met, including compliance with youth apprenticeship guidelines, labor regulations, and employer readiness. The Apprenticeship Hub works closely with campuses, schools, and employers to determine eligibility and structure appropriate youth apprenticeship pathways.

Q: Will the slides be shared, and was this session recorded?

A: Yes. The session was recorded, and the slides will be shared following the event on the Ivy Tech Apprenticeship webpage.

Additional Apprenticeship Resources

- Ivy Tech Apprenticeships: <https://www.ivytech.edu/apprenticeships>
- Apprenticeship.gov Resource Hub: <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/resource-hub>
- Indiana OWBLA: <https://www.in.gov/dwd/owbla/>