



Crossing the Finish Line 3.0

Crossing the Finish Line (CTFL) is an initiative funded by the Indiana Department of Education (in partnership with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education) to assist high school students, identified as “near completers”, in progressing/completing a post-secondary credential over the summer. In its third year, the focus of CTFL is on both the Indiana College Core and associate degrees, as well as short-term industry recognized certifications (CTs and TCs). Funding Covers: Tuition, Fees (including consumable), Ivy+, Transcripts, and CLEP Testing. In addition to tuition, books and fees for classes will also be covered under this initiative. Ivy Tech will launch the initiative on March 20 by offering 2nd 8 week courses to qualifying students. It will also be available during the summer 2023 term with classes starting on June 5.

Why should students take classes this summer?

- It's FREE!
- Students only have a few credit hours to go, which may be only one or two classes
- Students can complete the Indiana College Core and start college as a sophomore
- Students can complete an Ivy Tech credential and use it to start a career quickly

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Number of unduplicated dual credit students for academic year 22-23 as of March 1, 2023

74,704

Number of unduplicated dual enrollment students for academic year 22-23 as of March 1, 2023

9,884

Number of dual credit instructors for academic year 22-23 instructing 8,621 course sections

3,740

Stay tuned for more information about the 2023 Dual Credit Instructor Summit.

Indiana College Core

The Indiana College Core (ICC) is a block of 30 credit hours of college-level coursework. Upon completion, the ICC ensures the block of the general education credits transfer to public colleges and universities. The Indiana College Core is based on competencies and learning outcomes in six areas:

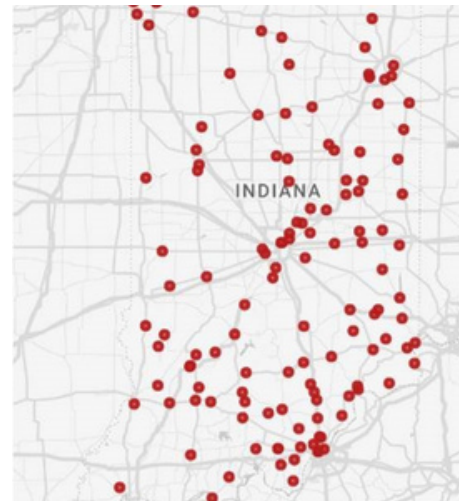
Foundational Intellectual Skills

Quantitative Reasoning
Speaking and Listening
Written Communication

Ways of Knowing

Humanistic and Artistic
Scientific
Social and Behavioral

At present, 141 of 521 Indiana high schools are designated as such with Ivy Tech being the primary post-secondary partner for 109 of the 141 (see graph). The Commission for Higher Education's goal is to provide a pathway so that all Indiana high school students will have access to complete the Indiana College Core. Please reach out to your local K-14 director to explore ICC pathway opportunities in your school system.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Marty will earn the Indiana College Core through a mix of dual credit and dual enrollment. He plans to attend a four-year university to obtain his undergraduate degree in neuroscience and math. He then plans to attend University of Virginia medical school or go to an overseas school that is backed by the AMA or AOA. He intends to focus on general surgery initially but plans to participate in a neurosurgery program. At the conclusion of those programs, he plans to enter the United States Navy as a doctor and a lieutenant to serve his country as a physician. His advice for future dual credit students is to “Just keep working through your courses. Stay on top of classes and keep checking for assignments or updates.” He would like to give a special thanks to, “my teachers who have pushed me along and encouraged me to challenge myself throughout my high school career. I'd also like to give thanks to PHS's guidance office, without whom I would not have been able to have access to as many opportunities and advantages as I have.”



Get to Know Marty Higgins

- ★ Favorite School Lunch: Grilled Chicken Salad
- ★ Favorite Show to Binge: The Witcher
- ★ Favorite Movie: Lord of the Rings (any) or Hacksaw Ridge
- ★ Favorite Dual Credit Class: Calculus A/B