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Partnerships and Collaboration

Ivy Tech Community College and Grace College (IN) accepted a challenge from the presidents of Ivy Tech and the Independent Colleges of Indiana to develop a truly innovative partnership. This partnership was created in 2018-19 and launched in fall 2019. It provides students pursuing liberal arts degrees a pathway to supplement that degree with a workforce-oriented certificate. Come and see how colleges with greatly different missions can work together creatively to benefit students.

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TRENDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- Shrinking high school graduating classes increasing competition between colleges and universities
- Cost of college and college debt continues to increase
- Public sentiment questioning the value of a 4-year degree
- More jobs than ever requiring a post-secondary credential (certification, certificate or degree)

INDIANA'S HIGHER EDUCATION CLIMATE

- 30 Independent + 8 Public Colleges and Universities
- Independent colleges serve 100,000 students in Indiana
- Ivy Tech, Indiana's singly accredited community college with 18 campuses, 40 locations and nearly 100,000 students

LILLY ENDOWMENT CALL TO ACTION

- LEI challenged each and all in Higher Education to consider how they add more value, make education more affordable and align to employer needs.
- “We are encouraging Indiana’s higher education leaders to be bold and imaginative in developing creative and collaborative strategies to strengthen their institutions and further their educational missions more effectively,” said Dr. Ted Maple, the Endowment’s vice president for education.
- ICI President and CEO David Wantz and Ivy Tech President Sue Ellspermann are committed to collaboration. Ivy Tech/ICI partnership summits have been held in 2018 and 2019 to promote ideas.

THE "BIG IDEA"

- How might ICI's and Ivy Tech/community college partner to provide students with an even stronger higher education experience?
- Whereas Independent Colleges provide an exceptional liberal arts education supporting long-term career growth…
- And, whereas, Ivy Tech/community colleges provide affordable applied credentials which provide immediate workforce value…
- Idea: Embed a short term credential (certification or certificate) within a bachelor's degree, for example:
  - EMT or Paramedic TC with Pre-med/biology degree
  - Cybersecurity TC with Political Science degree
  - Mechatronics Certificate with Management degree

IVY TECH WARSAW/GRACE COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

- Academic Transfer Crosswalk Agreements in Place:
  - Business Administration
  - Criminal Justice
  - Psychology
  - Human Services
  - Agri-Business
  - Education (in process)

IVY TECH WARSAW/GRACE COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

- STGEC – full 30 credit hours will transfer in total to Grace's Gen. Ed. Core.
- TSAP program credits will transfer using the one for one model; most Ivy Tech major courses transfer as Grace electives.
- Ivy Tech grads who transfer into Grace's traditional undergrad programs, may complete a bachelor's degree in 1.5 years, depending on the major.

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- Transfer Case Study: Lindsay completed the one year STGEC at Ivy Tech and transferred to Grace College this fall. Following an accelerated pace (18 credits per semester and 6 credits in the summer online program), Lindsay's plan is to complete her BA in Business Administration the summer of 2021. As a commuter student, Lindsay will be able to graduate from Grace College debt free.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND DISCOUNTS

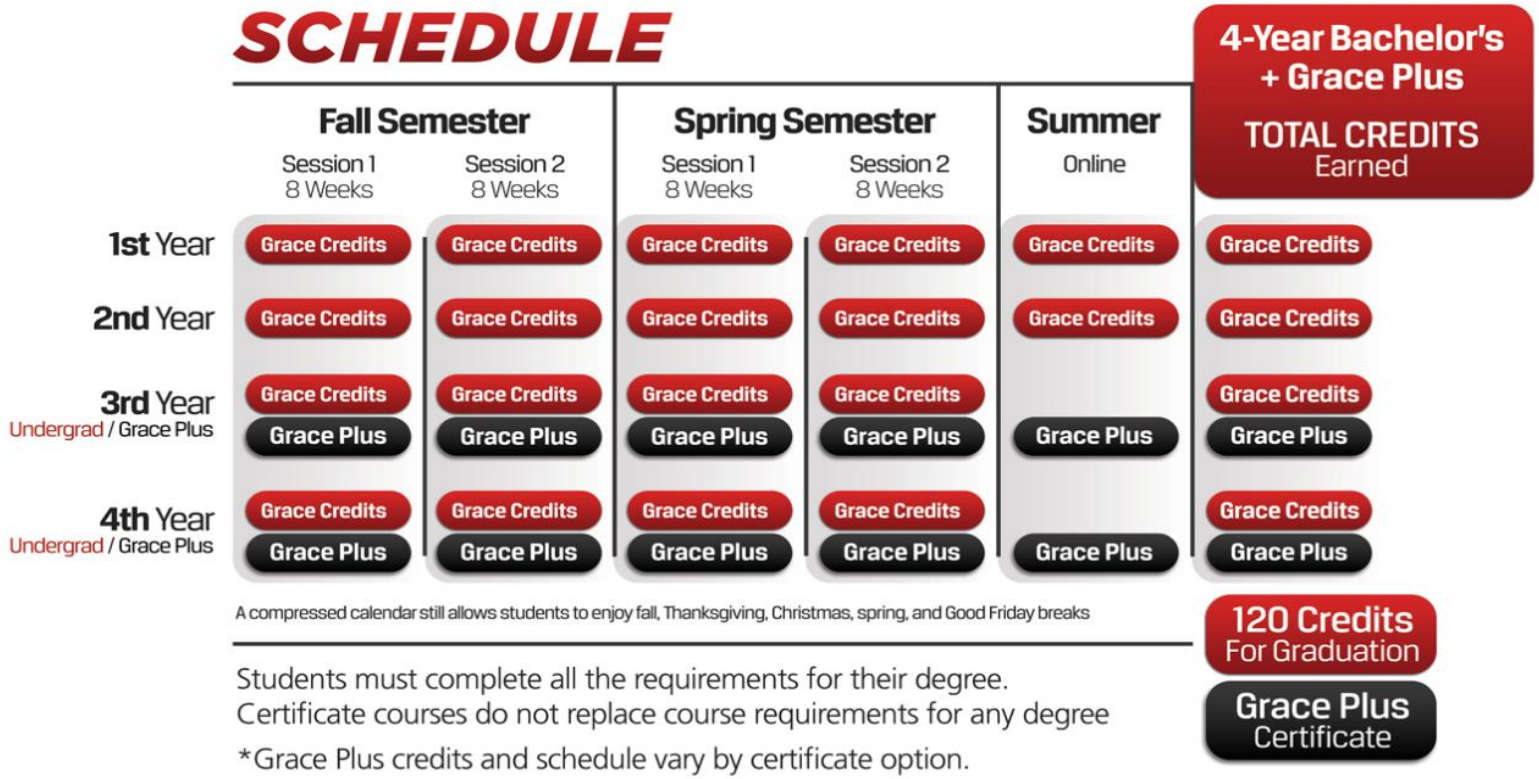
- Grace offers Ivy Tech transfers at least $10,000 in scholarships, and even more for those with a 4.0 GPA
- For Ivy Tech students who qualify for full state and federal financial aid, Grace will fully cover the cost of tuition.
- For working adults, Grace College offers GOAL, a non-residential accelerated bachelor's degree program and offers a $100 per credit hour discount to Ivy Tech transfer students.

GRACEPLUS

CERTIFICATES

- ***Who?*** *Students who have completed their first two years at Grace*
- ***What?*** *Choose from 4 professional technical certificates*:*
    - ***Microsoft Office Specialist***
    - ***Human Resource Management***
    - ***Addiction Studies***
    - ***Basic Emergency Medical Studies***
- **All certificates subject to enrollment and will be transcripted by Ivy Tech Community College*
- ***Where?*** *Depending on the certificate, courses will be taught mostly online or on the Grace or the Ivy Tech campus*
- ***When?*** *Certificates take between 3-6 semesters to complete*
- ***Why?*** *Add certificates to your degree to increase your marketability*

GRACEPLUS SCHEDULE



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