



CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS AND TRANSITIONS

INDIANA UNIVERSITY–PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE

IPFW Plan 2020 calls for continued emphasis on student success. As a part of our work with a subset of that population—transfer students—Student Success and Transitions (SST) embarked on data collection and analysis beginning with the fall 2012 transfer cohort. These data revealed that there is much opportunity for improvement in academic success, persistence, and retention of transfer students across the board.

Data specifically on students transferring from Ivy Tech Fort Wayne yielded similar results. The Crossroads Program—which was established to refer denied IPFW students to Ivy Tech Fort Wayne, advise them during their coursework at Ivy Tech, and then assist them in reapplying to IPFW—saw fewer than 6% of denied students enrolling back at IPFW and fewer than half of those staying past three academic semesters. These numbers compared to more than 25% of the total IPFW transfer population coming from Ivy Tech Fort Wayne outside of the Crossroads Program.

Therefore, as opposed to the previously articulated Crossroads Program, IPFW and Ivy Tech will work collaboratively with pre-transfer students through various programs and services. Support structures will include recurring workshops on both campuses, focused transfer credit evaluation, and dedicated coordination through the application and enrollment processes.

To support these efforts, SST is filling a vacant position with a Transfer and Special Population Coordinator who will serve as a bridge-builder, point of contact, support system, and secondary advisor for each incoming transfer student inside and outside of the Ivy Tech system. Likewise, this person will be responsible for creating institutional structures and processes to increase the support, persistence, and retention of transfer students. Transfer support programs and assets include, but are not limited to: a central transfer student website/portal and point of contact; New Student Orientation for transfer students; and transfer student organizations and honor societies.

The search is currently underway for a Transfer and Special Populations Coordinator and an announcement will be made regarding that hire in the coming weeks. In the interim, questions may be addressed to Krissy Creager, assistant vice chancellor for student success and transitions.