

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

COOPERATION BETWEEN IUPUI AND IVTC

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The purpose of this memorandum of agreement is to establish specific activities and programs of cooperation between Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) and Indiana Vocational Technical College (IVTC) at Indianapolis. As the only two public, post-secondary institutions in the greater Indianapolis region, IUPUI and IVTC share overlapping responsibilities in serving the city, region, and state in preparing an educated, skilled, and adaptable citizenry and workforce. While the missions of IUPUI and IVTC are clearly different, students enter post-secondary education from many different approaches and with ever-changing educational objectives. IUPUI and IVTC can promote the full potential of individuals and the community by developing the means for students to succeed regardless of what door they may enter to seek advanced education. Through cooperation and program articulation, the institutions can thus better meet individual needs while contributing to the overall economic, cultural, and educational vitality of the region.

Through this initial memorandum of agreement, the two institutions commit themselves to continuing exploration of ways in which students and the state can be better served through coordinated, cooperative planning and services. This memorandum establishes -- as a base condition -- the commitment to explore a wide range of options over a long period of time. As an initial step, several specific activities are outlined below. Further, during the next three years the two institutions commit themselves to at least two meetings per academic year of the chief executive officers of IUPUI and IVTC to discuss progress and to identify promising new areas of interaction and cooperation. It is anticipated that administrators and faculty throughout the year will implement plans and exchange ideas; however, the meeting of executive officers will help ensure the on-going interactions by demonstrating the importance of cooperation at the highest levels of administration. Further, a steering committee consisting of four representatives from each institution will assume overall management responsibility for implementing this memorandum of agreement. The committee will begin work by March 1, 1990. The co-chairs will be jointly named by IUPUI and IVTC.

The initial memorandum pertains only to IUPUI and IVTC in Indianapolis. However, as soon as practical, a similar memorandum addressing issues of direct concern to IUPUI Columbus and IVTC Columbus will be initiated. In the interim, IUPUI and IVTC officials will begin informal conversations about cooperative arrangements in addition to the shared child care program and the occasional sharing of facilities.

BACKGROUND

IUPUI and IVTC have a long record of cooperation and information exchange through the Consortium on Urban Education, an Indianapolis association of public and private colleges and several informal learning institutions

