

**Memorandum of Agreement Between
Purdue University - West Lafayette College of Agriculture and
Ivy Tech Community College - Lafayette
For the Pathway to Purdue Agriculture (Co-enrollment) Program**

Revised: August 2025
(Agreement to be updated at least every 3 years)

Program Description

The Purdue University West Lafayette (Purdue) College of Agriculture/Ivy Tech Community College -Lafayette (Ivy Tech) Pathway to Purdue Agriculture Program (Ag Pathway) is a partnership between Purdue and Ivy Tech designed to increase access to and completion of a B.S. degree in the College of Agriculture for Indiana residents. The goals of the Ag Pathway Program are to:

- Increase access to a Purdue College of Agriculture B.S. degree,
- Increase readiness for successful completion of an A.S. and B.S. degree, and
- Engage the students in the university community and academic culture of Purdue as freshmen - again to increase the probability of successful graduation.

The metrics of success for students beginning in the Ag Pathway Program will be the 3-year completion rate of the Ivy Tech A.S. degree and the 6-year completion rate of the Purdue B.S. degree.

Ag Pathway students will be co-enrolled at Purdue and Ivy Tech. They will take the majority of their general education courses at Ivy Tech. Concurrently, each Ag Pathway student will enroll in at least one course each fall and spring semester at Purdue with the intent of remaining in-step with the cohort of students admitted directly to the degree program in the College of Agriculture at Purdue. They will have access to Purdue and Ivy Tech services similar to full-time students at each institution, including but not limited to rec-sports, library, computer access, student organization participation, and for Purdue students, Purdue housing based upon availability.

Upon admission to the program, students will participate in an orientation session conducted at each institution. For the first semester, students will enroll in Purdue's 0.5 credit eight-week AGR 10100 course, along with the other 0.5 or 1 credit eight-week course based on their intended Purdue major. Students will also enroll in Purdue's 1 credit AGR 10700 class for the first semester. Each student will enroll in required agriculture courses in their chosen major at Purdue when possible. A mixture of agriculture and general education courses are encouraged each semester. Course prerequisites must be met prior to enrolling in a course at either institution. While enrolled in the program, students will meet with an Ivy Tech faculty advisor and a Purdue College of Agriculture advisor each semester.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in each course taken at any college or university must be achieved in order for the course credit to be accepted for transfer to Purdue; selected majors may require higher GPAs for admission to those majors. In order to meet the GPA requirement for transfer admission to

Purdue, students must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 from all colleges attended, including courses completed while enrolled in the Ag Pathway Program at Purdue.

Terms of the Agreement

An Ag Pathway student must be a high school graduate or have earned an equivalent certificate and must not have completed more than 15 earned credit hours from any college or university after graduating from high school. A student must be deemed "program ready" at Ivy Tech (as defined below) before taking a course at Purdue. Enrollment in the program will occur only for the Fall semester of the new academic year, with a target enrollment goal of 50 students per cohort.

Students whom the Purdue and Ivy Tech Offices of Admissions deem would benefit from the resources available to them at Ivy Tech and therefore have potential to transfer to Purdue after completion of the Associate's Degree will be invited to apply to the program at the time of their initial denial to Purdue-West Lafayette. The College of Agriculture is encouraged to provide additional outreach to these students until the end of the first week of April for possible fall admission.

These students must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Indiana resident, as determined by Purdue Admissions
- High school diploma or GED
- "Program Ready" at Ivy Tech (placed above English and Math college preparatory courses)
- Meets high school subject matter requirements as determined by Purdue Admissions
- Earned no more than 15 college credits post high school graduation

A student who is interested in the Ag Pathway Program must formally apply to the program by completing or submitting the following no later than the end of the first week of April for fall entrance:

- Ivy Tech General Application (Agriculture – Associate of Science)
- Pathway to Purdue Agriculture Application (Non-Degree)
- Transcripts to Ivy Tech and Purdue Admissions
- Placement testing (if needed)

If admitted, Purdue's Office of Admissions will then create a non-degree application in Banner and put the student in "admit" status and add a "cohort" designation in Banner specific to this program. The College of Agriculture will be able to produce reports on the students and will, along with Ivy Tech, follow up with the students.

When a student is ready to apply to Purdue as degree-seeking, he or she must complete a new online Purdue Transfer Application for the degree program and ensure that all of the following is provided:

- Final high school transcript
- Official Ivy Tech transcript
- Transcripts from any other educational institution attended

Typically, a student who transfers to Purdue from another institution of higher education through an approved Articulation Agreement may enter Purdue with the same catalog term that was in effect when the student first enrolled at the institution from which the student transferred. Under this Agreement, for the original catalog term of enrollment at Ivy Tech to apply, students must transfer to Purdue within four years (eight semesters) of initial enrollment at Ivy Tech. Additionally, for the original catalog term to apply, a student must not have a break of more than two consecutive semesters between transferring to Purdue from Ivy Tech. For more information go to the Purdue catalog: <http://catalog.purdue.edu/>

Eligibility for Continuation

While in the Ag Pathway Program, each student will be expected to participate in community-building and academic support activities. A list of approved activities, including field trips and participation in agriculture-related student organizations, will be provided. Appropriate activities will be chosen by the student and approved by the academic advisors.

Each fall and spring semester, Ag Pathway students must maintain registration in a minimum of 12 credits at Ivy Tech and Purdue. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 1 class at Purdue each semester. However, a student may not register for more than 7 credits at Purdue each semester. To continue in the program, a student must maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA at each institution. A student who falls below a 2.5 GPA at either campus will be required to develop an academic success plan in consultation with and approved by the Purdue and Ivy Tech advisors. In addition, students needing to be enrolled in the program for more than 2 academic years must submit a written appeal to the program coordinator and receive approval by Purdue and Ivy Tech to continue as an Ag Pathway student for additional fall and spring semesters. If the program coordinator determines a student no longer meets eligibility requirements as outlined in this agreement, or if the student decides to no longer continue in the program, Purdue will remove the student from the program by ending the program “cohort” designation on the student’s Purdue record in Banner for future semesters.

Agreements between Ivy Tech and Purdue for students in the Ag Pathway Program

1. All Ag Pathway Program students will be required to follow all of Ivy Tech’s and Purdue’s policies, procedures, and codes of conduct. If one institution receives allegations that an AG Pathway Student has violated its policies, procedures, and/or codes of conduct, that institution will inform the other institution of the allegations and will keep the other informed throughout the investigation process.
2. AG Pathway Students are participating in both Ivy Tech and Purdue’s educational program or activity for purposes of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"). If one institution receives allegations of Title IX Sexual Harassment involving an AG Pathway Student, either as the respondent or complainant, that institution will inform the other institution of the allegations. If the alleged behavior occurs on Purdue’s campus, Purdue will investigate the

allegations. If the alleged behavior occurs on Ivy Tech's campus, Ivy Tech will investigate the allegations. Each institution will keep the other informed throughout the conduct process.

3. Each separate institution will be responsible for the assessment, billing, and collection of tuition and fees, based on each institution's approved tuition & fee schedules and the number of credit hours registered for at each institution. Each institution shall retain the associated revenue with respect to the tuition and fees assessed at that institution.
4. Each institution will adhere to its established and published refund policies.
5. Due to the later financial aid disbursement schedule at Ivy Tech, Purdue will put into place an arrangement with the student to defer payment of fees, if needed, until after the Ivy Tech financial aid disburses. Students must notify the Bursar's Office at Purdue prior to the semester that financial aid will be available for paying Purdue tuition and fees upon disbursement by Ivy Tech.
6. An Ag Pathway student initially admitted to Ivy Tech as a participating degree-seeking student shall be registered as a non-degree student for any coursework required at Purdue until the Ivy Tech degree has been conferred.
7. After completion of the degree at Ivy Tech, Ag Pathway students will be able to apply for Purdue admission; once admitted, students will be assessed fees as regular degree-seeking students on the Purdue campus.
8. Non-instructional fees for services provided to students shall be assessed as approved by either campus, including contracted housing or dining charges.
9. When an Ag Pathway student living in University Residences drops all of their Ivy Tech or Purdue classes for a fall or spring semester, the student is no longer eligible to remain in Purdue University housing.
10. Ivy Tech will specify the enrollment period beginning and ending dates for Title IV student aid purposes.
11. Ivy Tech will define enrollment status (e.g., full-time, half-time, less than half-time) for Title IV student aid purposes.
12. Ivy Tech will process and disburse all financial aid under federal, state, and institutional guidelines.
13. Ivy Tech will process external enrollment verification requests and include the non-degree enrollment at Purdue; conversely, Purdue will not process external enrollment verification requests for students in the program.
14. Ivy Tech will report enrollment information to the National Student Loan Data System through the Clearinghouse or other mechanism.
15. Upon request, both Ivy Tech and Purdue will report enrollment information to the Indiana Commission on Higher Education.
16. Ivy Tech will establish Cost of Attendance per Title IV guidelines.
17. Ivy Tech will secure authorizations relating to cash management regulations 34CFR 668.165.
18. Ivy Tech agrees to include the student on the federal FISAP report.
19. Ivy Tech agrees to make available required student consumer information, including satisfactory academic progress policy requirements and applicable refund and repayment policy.
20. Ivy Tech will consider Purdue enrollment for financial aid consideration as determined by the appropriate academic advisors.

21. Each institution will only accept the credits for each class a student completes in the program with a grade of 2.0 or better.
22. Ivy Tech will monitor Satisfactory Academic Progress using all courses taken both at Ivy Tech and Purdue.
23. Ivy Tech will define the refund and repayment policy for Return to Title IV refund calculation, though each institution will follow its own tuition refund policy.
24. Purdue will provide enrollment documentation to Ivy Tech upon request to insure appropriate disbursement of any student financial assistance.
25. If the student has tuition and fees that are discounted at Purdue by statute or a remission of fees, Purdue agrees to report that information to Ivy Tech.
26. Ivy Tech and Purdue will seek scholarship support for Ag Pathway students.
27. Purdue agrees to notify Ivy Tech of any changes in enrollment and/or non-attendance.
28. An Ag Pathway student must request their official Purdue transcript to be submitted to Ivy Tech each semester after final grades are posted.
29. Ivy Tech will provide an Official Transcript to Purdue for each Ag Pathway student after final grades are posted each fall and spring semester at no cost to the student.
30. Purdue will notify any successful transfer students from the program who are currently enrolled at Purdue, but have not yet earned an Ivy Tech A.S. degree, to submit their official Purdue transcripts for Reverse Transfer credit evaluation back to Ivy Tech.
31. Purdue will provide a last date of attendance to Ivy Tech in cases of official or unofficial withdrawal.
32. Purdue agrees to forward information about cost of attendance components to Ivy Tech upon request.
33. Admission application fees shall be waived for a student registering for courses as a non-degree student at Purdue.
34. Prior to each fall semester, both Ivy Tech and Purdue will meet to review dates/deadlines/parameters for the upcoming academic year.

Miscellaneous Provisions

35. Term. This Agreement will commence on the date first written above and will continue for a three-year term and may be renewed at the end of the term upon mutual written agreement of the parties.
36. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated as follows: (a) Either party may terminate the Agreement for any reason or no reason at the end of an academic year by sending notice to the other party to that effect at the address listed below at least 1 fall or spring semester prior to the expiration of the then current academic year. (b) If either Party violates any material term of this Agreement, any non-breaching party may notify the breaching party in writing of such breach and the breaching party shall have 15 days to cure such breach. In the event such breach is not cured to the reasonable satisfaction of the non-breaching party providing notice, such party may immediately terminate this Agreement and seek all damages available to it in law or in equity.
37. Confidential Information. The Parties agree that to the extent necessary to accomplish the objectives of this Agreement, they will share information about former, current, or prospective Program participants in good faith and to the extent permitted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). To the extent either party shares FERPA-protected information with

the other, the receiving party agrees that it will preserve the confidentiality of such information in accordance with FERPA and will not use the information except to further the purposes of this Agreement.


38. Use of Name and Trademarks. The Parties may not use, publish, or otherwise disseminate the name, logo, or trademark of any other party without express written consent.
39. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire and exclusive agreement between the Parties regarding the Program and supersedes all previous communications or agreements, whether oral or written, between the Parties about the Program.
40. Waiver. No failure by either Party to exercise its rights under this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver of any such rights. No waiver of a breach shall be considered a waiver of future breaches.
41. No Agency. This Agreement does not designate any party as the agent, employee, legal representative, or partner or any other party for any purpose whatsoever.
42. Amendments. This Agreement may be amended only upon mutual written agreement of the Parties.
43. Assignment. Neither this Agreement nor any amendments thereto may be assigned or transferred without the mutual written consent of both Parties.
44. Notices. Any notice required to be given under this Agreement shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, or hand delivered, properly addressed to the party to be notified. If the notice is to be provided to Purdue University, it is to be delivered to the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning. If the notice is to be provided to Ivy Tech, it is to be provided to the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs with a copy to legal counsel.

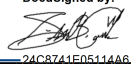
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