

# CHE Update on Key Initiatives:

Early College Credit Report, Indiana College Core, and  
Credential Engine

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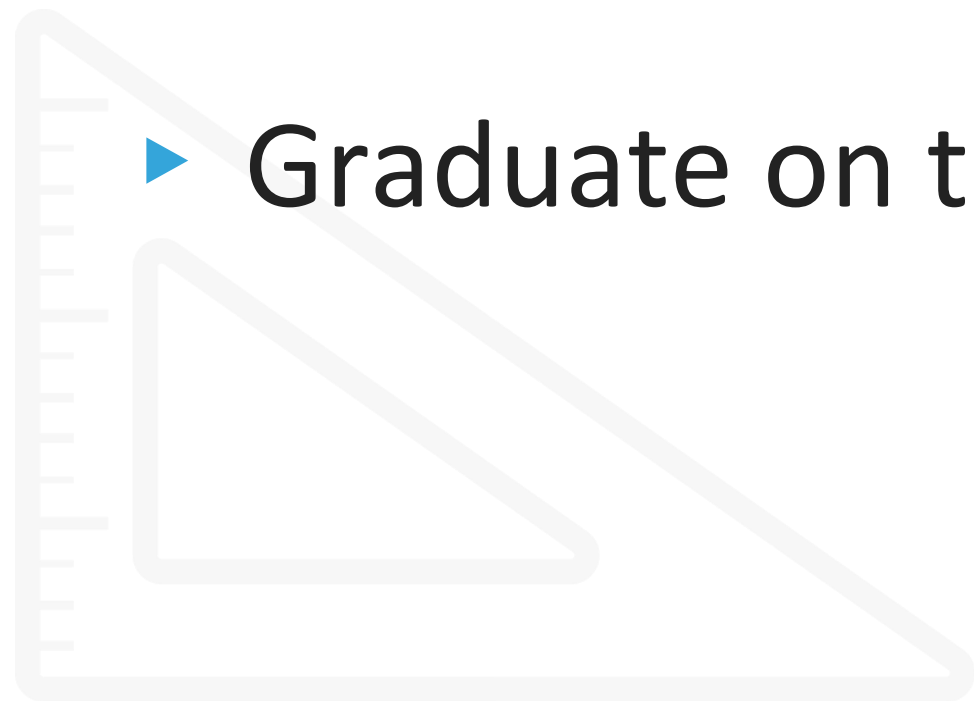
# EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT:

## HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED



# DUAL CREDIT EARNERS EXPERIENCE SUCCESS

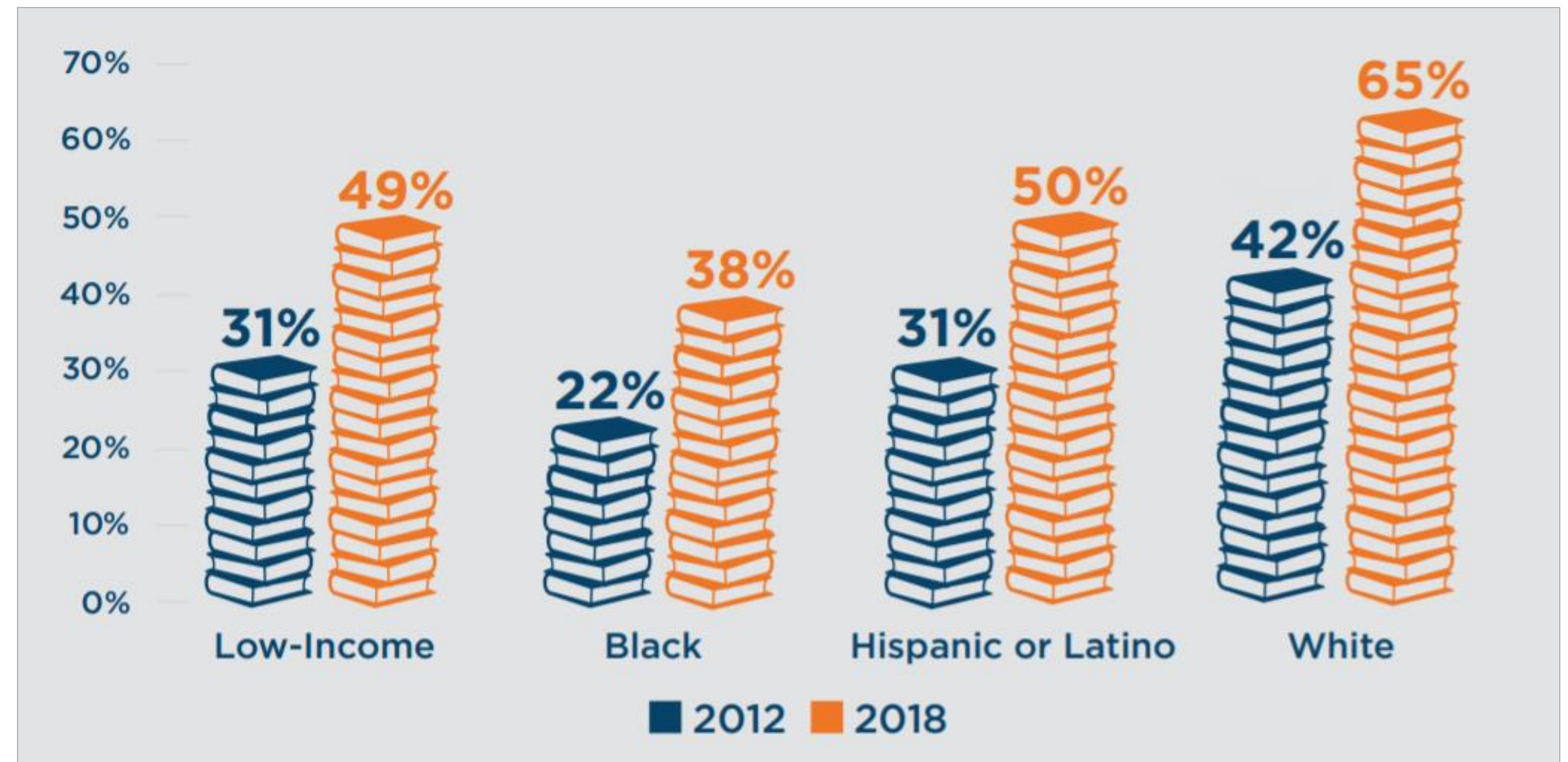
- ▶ Nearly two-thirds of Hoosiers earn college credit before graduating from high school
- ▶ On average, dual credit students earn a semester of college credit
- ▶ Compared to those with no dual credit, dual credit earners are more likely to:
  - ▶ Go to college
  - ▶ Stay enrolled in college
  - ▶ Graduate on time or early





# DESPITE GROWTH, EQUITY GAPS REMAIN

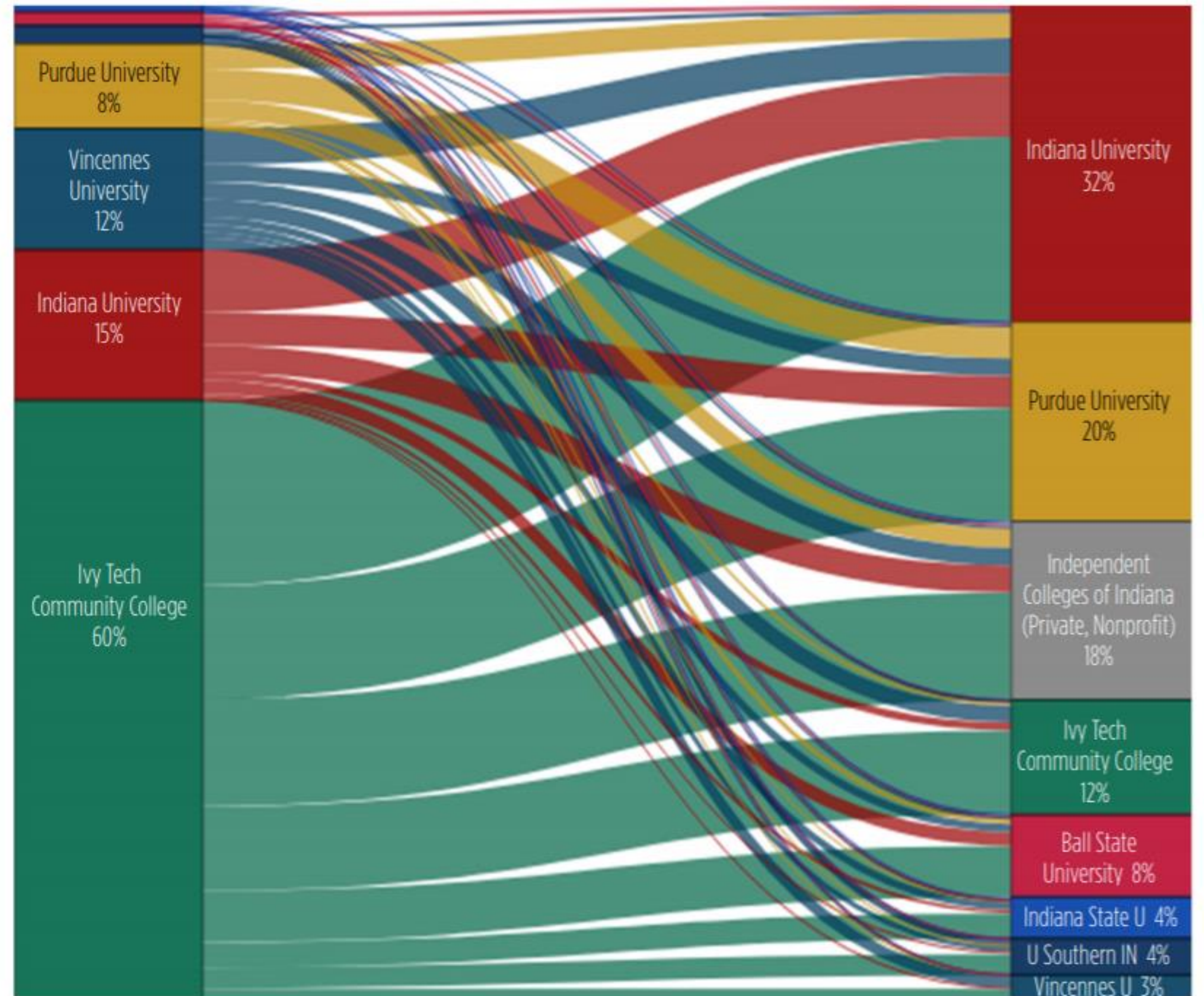
- ▶ Growth over time by socioeconomic status and race/ethnicity (2012 and 2018):
  - ▶ Low-income student growth: 18%
  - ▶ Black student growth: 16%
  - ▶ White student growth: 23%
  - ▶ Hispanic or Latino student growth: 19%





## DUAL CREDIT PATHWAYS

- ▶ Where students earn dual credit is on the left; where they matriculate is on the right
- ▶ Public two-year institutions conferred 72 percent of technical and priority liberal arts dual credits
- ▶ Most of these credits transferred to Indiana's four-year institutions





# POTENTIAL UP-FRONT COST SAVINGS (2018 COHORT)

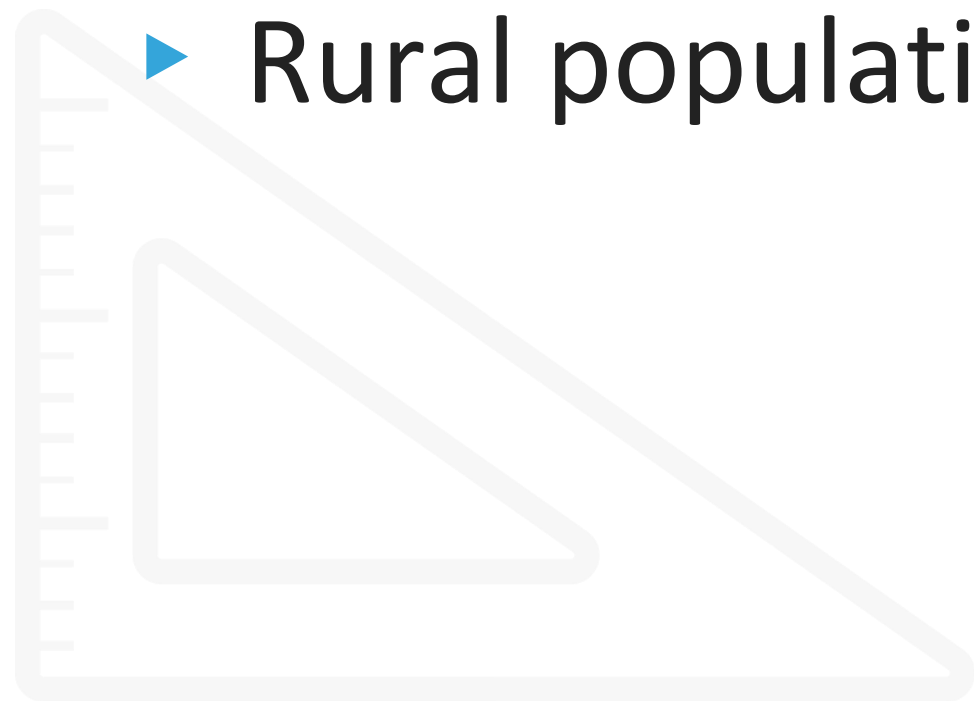


- ▶ Average savings of roughly \$2,300 per Indiana public college student
- ▶ The total savings for Indiana low-income students is \$20 million



# CLOSE EQUITY & ACHIEVEMENT GAPS

- ▶ Students who earn dual credit succeed in college at higher rates, but we must close gaps in access to these opportunities
- ▶ These populations especially benefit from dual credit:
  - ▶ Students of color
  - ▶ Those from low-income households
  - ▶ Rural populations



# STRENGTHEN THE EDUCATOR PIPELINE

- ▶ To provide students more dual credit opportunities and close equity gaps, we must increase and retain the number of fully qualified teachers, especially in the priority liberal arts
- ▶ To help teachers become fully qualified, Indiana has provided tuition-free access to courses through:



- ▶ [STEM Teach Initiative](#)

- ▶ [Teach Dual Credit Indiana](#)

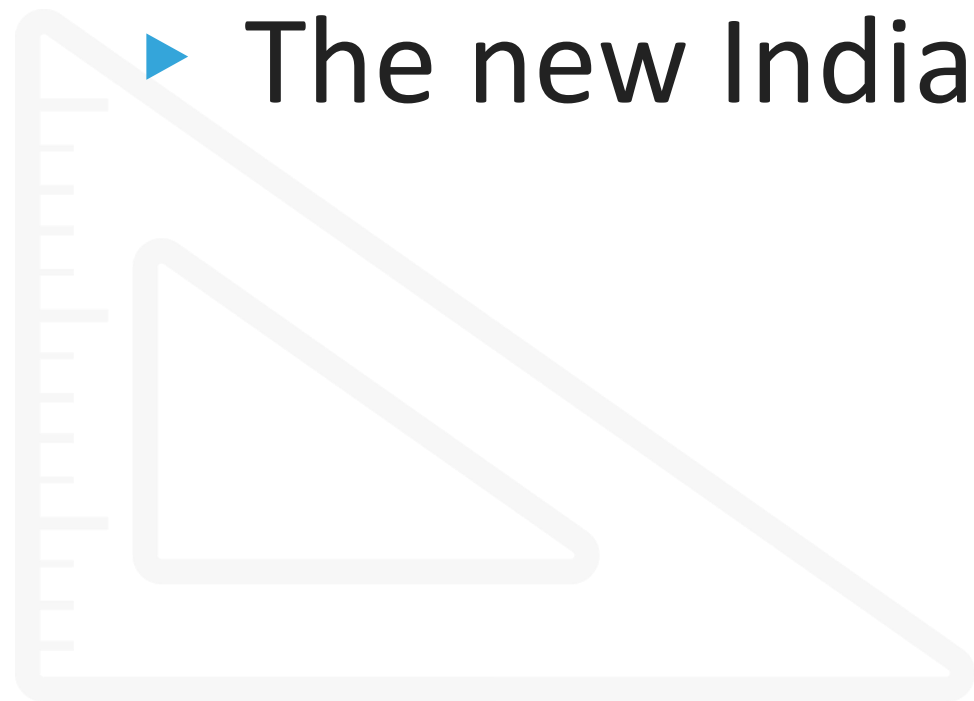


# COMMUNICATING HIGH-VALUE CREDENTIALS

- ▶ While 64% of high school graduates earned dual credit or AP credit, there is room for improvement
- ▶ Communication is critical to informing students and families about high-value credentials
- ▶ A communication plan targeting the re-branded Indiana College Core is under development
- ▶ State agency and institutional partnerships are essential
- ▶ Learn More Indiana Educator Guide is an important resource

# EMPHASIZE TRANSPARENCY & DATA COLLECTION

- ▶ Students, parents, community leaders, and other stakeholders must know what high-value credentials are available in their high schools
- ▶ Tools that search linked, open data can provide this transparency:
  - ▶ Learn More School Finder Tool
  - ▶ [Indiana Credential Registry](#)
  - ▶ The new Indiana Career Explorer



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# INDIANA COLLEGE CORE:

## EXCEPTIONAL, PURPOSEFUL SUCCESS





# REFRESHER ABOUT THE INDIANA COLLEGE CORE

- Mandated by the General Assembly in 2012
- 30 credit hours transfer as a block to all public institutions
- Based on six competency areas:
  - Three Foundational Intellectual Skills:
    - Written Communication, Speaking and Listening, Quantitative Reasoning
  - Three Ways of Knowing:
    - Scientific, Social/Behavioral, Humanistic/Artistic

# APPROXIMATE COSTS TO STUDENTS

	Technical & High Priority Dual Credit	Two-Year Institutions	Four-Year Institutions
Cost for 1 Credit	\$0 - \$25	\$142 - \$191	\$240 - \$351
Cost for 12 Credits	\$0 - \$300	\$1,702 - \$2,295	\$2,883 - \$4,213
Cost for Indiana College Core	\$0 - \$750	\$4,256 - \$5,736	\$7,207 - \$10,533

- ▶ Students earning dual credit saved on average:
  - ▶ \$2,600 at public four-year institutions
  - ▶ \$1,100 at public two-year institutions
- ▶ The Indiana College Core can save students thousands of dollars in college tuition

### **COST SAVINGS WITH THE INDIANA COLLEGE CORE**

Students can earn the Indiana College Core through dual credit in high school for thousands less than earning the same credits at a two- or four-year institution.



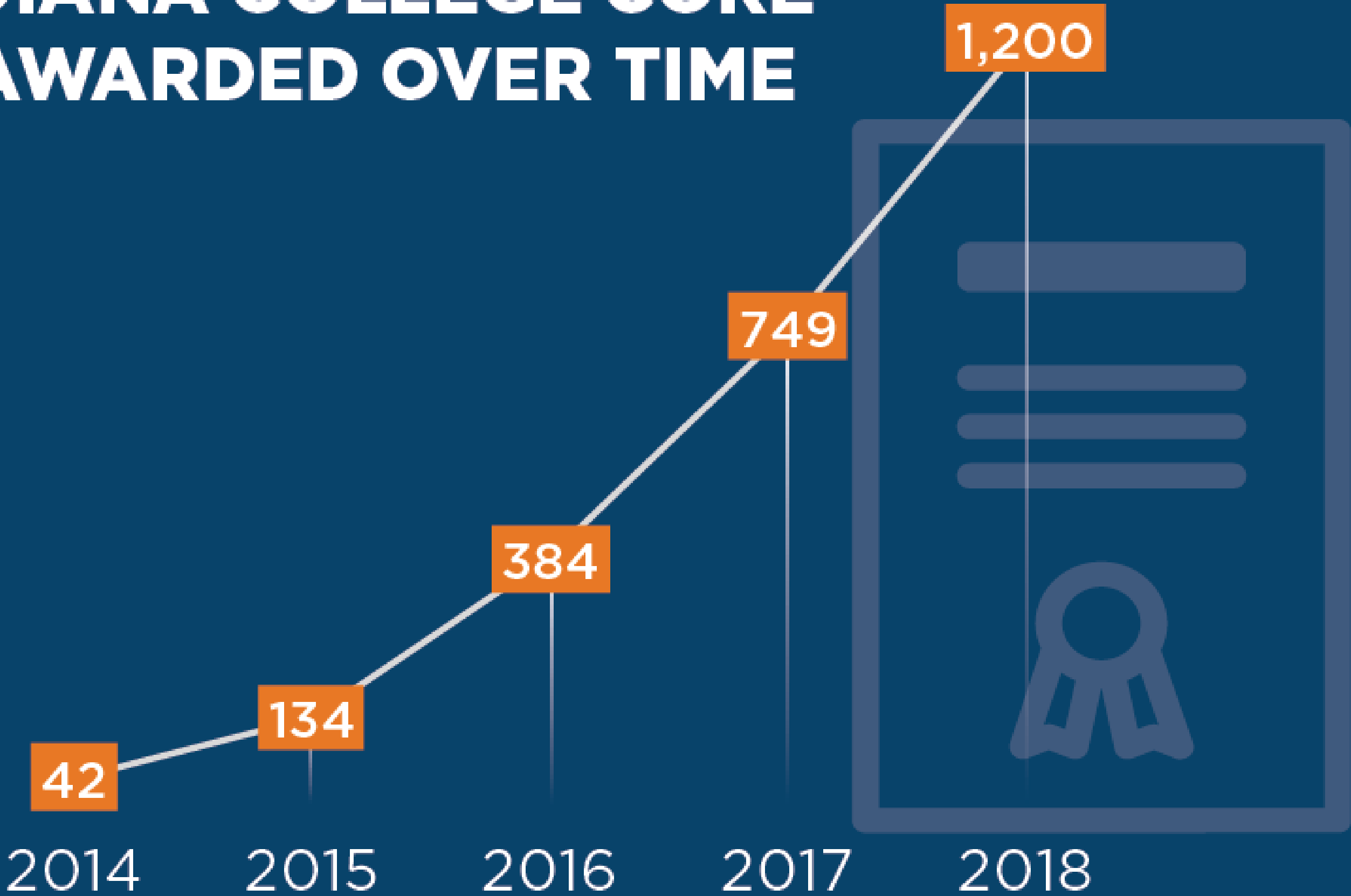
**<\$750:** Indiana College Core through dual credit  
**\$4,200-\$5,700:** Two-year institutions  
**\$7,200-\$10,500:** Four-year institutions





# GROWTH IN INDIANA COLLEGE CORE CREDENTIALS AWARDED OVER TIME

More Hoosier students are earning the Indiana College Core than ever before.



# PROMOTING THE INDIANA COLLEGE CORE

- Approximately 1 in 5 high schools had at least one student complete the Core in 2020
- Publicize where the Core is presently available
- Challenge all high schools to consider offering the Core to their students
- Utilize a mix of strategies to address local circumstances, including:
  - Sharing resources
  - Blended delivery of online course offerings
  - AP exams
  - Dual enrollment

# INDIANA COLLEGE CORE DELIVERY SITE CRITERIA

1. Delivery Site: where the Core can be completed
2. Signed MOU between high school and a primary public postsecondary partner
3. Duties of the primary postsecondary partner include:
  - a) Offering 15 of the 30 credit hours of the Core
  - b) Coordinating coursework delivered by other partners, including AP, distance education, etc.
  - c) Working with CHE to put the delivery sites on the **Indiana Credential Registry**



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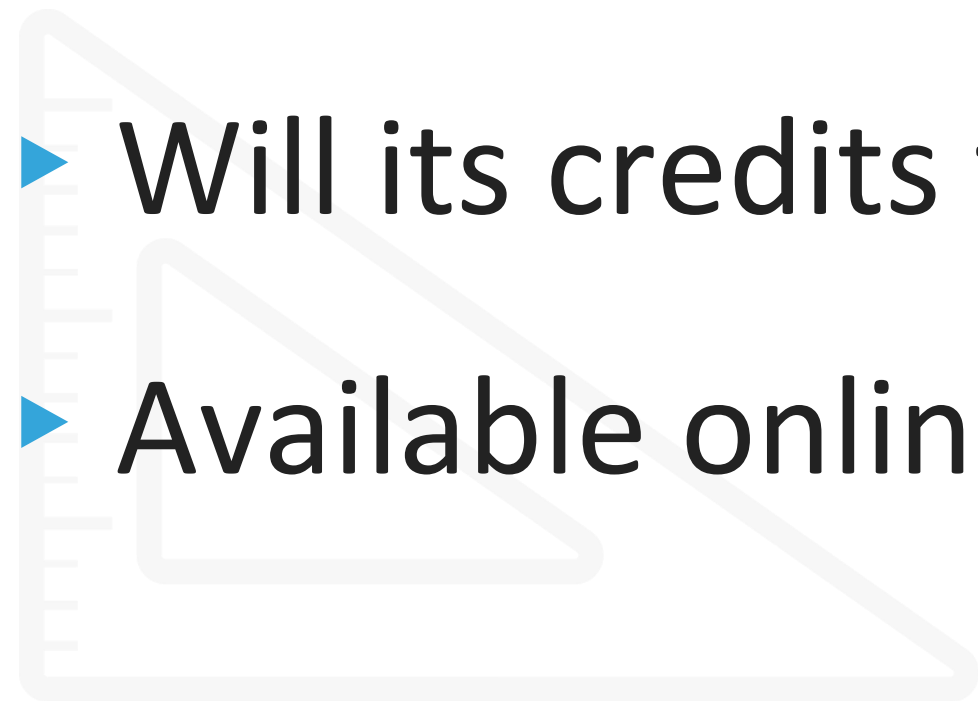
# CREDENTIAL ENGINE:

HELPING STUDENTS MAKE  
EDUCATIONAL CHOICES



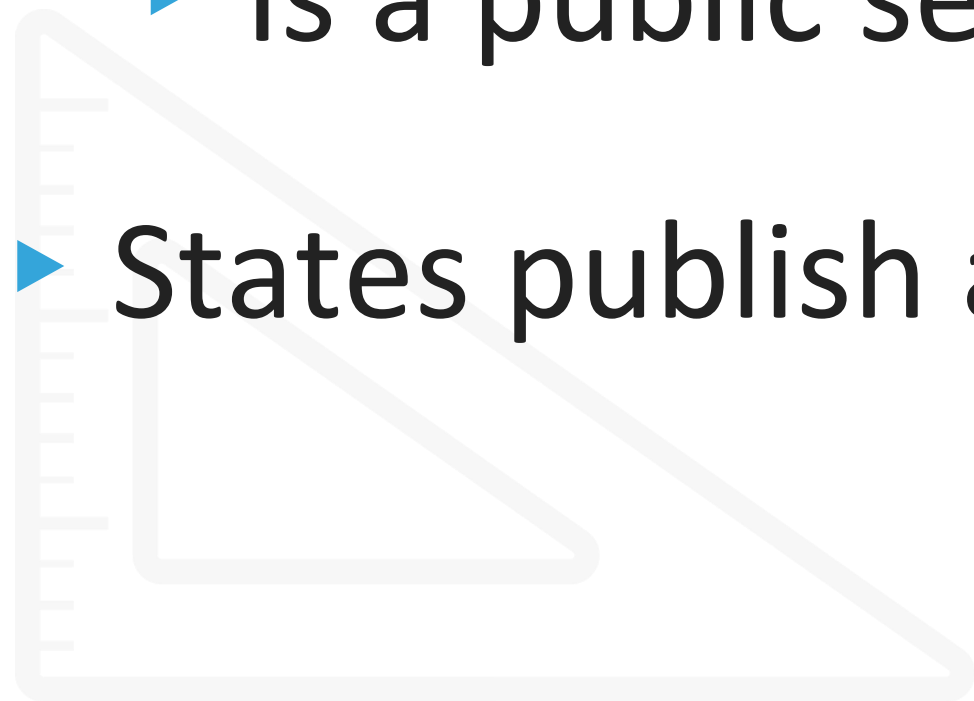
## WHAT PROGRAM TO CHOOSE?

- ▶ What will I learn? Will my prior learning/experience count?
- ▶ How much does it cost? What do graduates of the program earn?
- ▶ Will it prepare me to earn a license?
- ▶ How many of its graduates pass the licensure exam?
- ▶ Will it prepare me to earn a valued industry certification?
- ▶ Will its credits transfer? Apply toward another program?
- ▶ Available online? Who values the school and program?



# CREDENTIAL ENGINE: A PLATFORM FOR ANSWERS

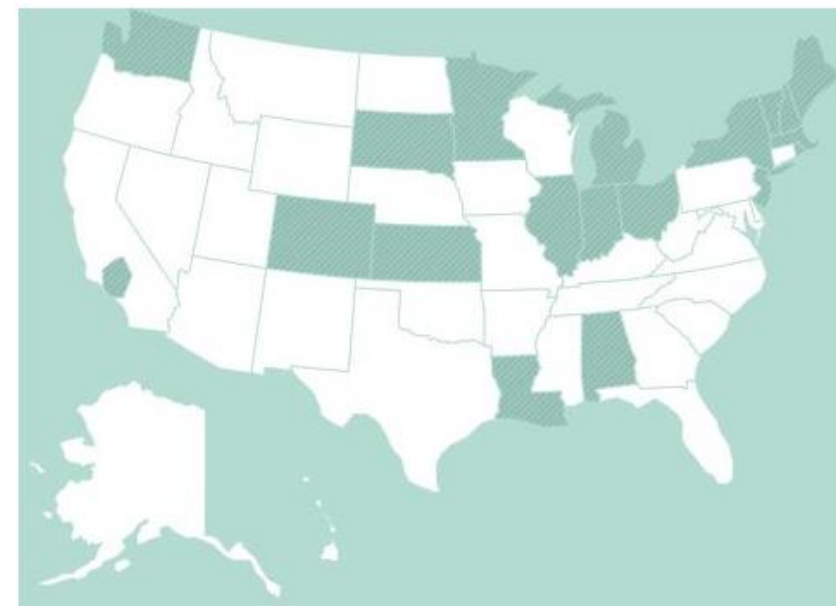
- ▶ Credential Engine:
  - ▶ Links together more and varied data than ever before
  - ▶ Does this through linked, open data
  - ▶ Uses national, non-proprietary data standards
  - ▶ Is a public service non-profit and a free service to Hoosier learners
- ▶ States publish and curate data





## SCALING UP CREDENTIAL ENGINE

- ▶ Credential Engine created in 2016
- ▶ Indiana 1<sup>st</sup> state to scale-up Credential Engine (March 2017)
- ▶ 18 states now scaling-up  
Credential Engine
- ▶ Ascendium grant to add five more Midwestern states, making 23 scale-ups
- ▶ Strong corporate and organizational support



# FUNDERS & ENDORSERS OF CREDENTIAL ENGINE







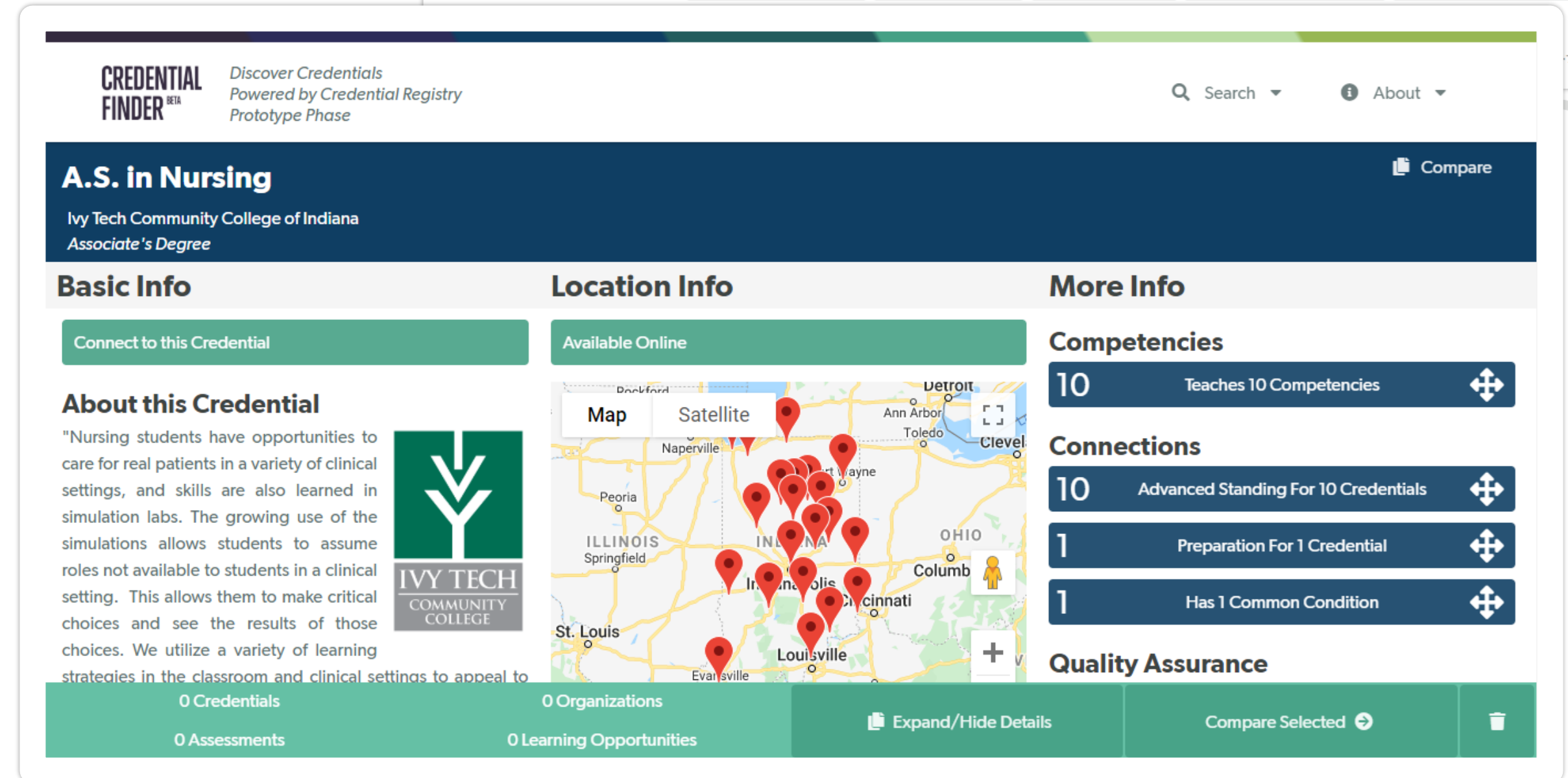
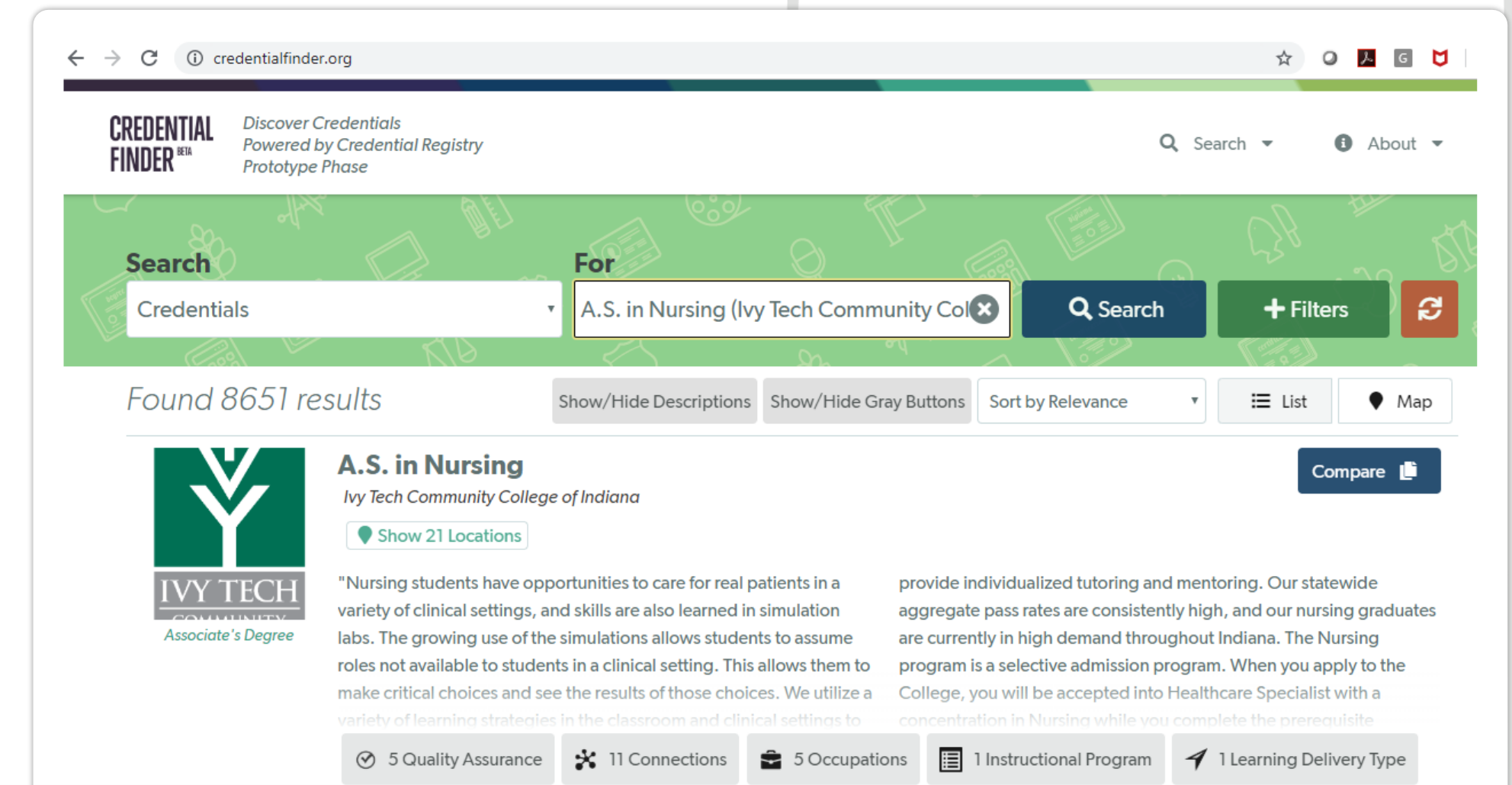







# INDIANA PROGRAMS PUBLISHED

- ▶ Public Sector:
  - ✓ All 2- and 4-year campuses
  - ✓ All certificate and degree programs at
  - ✓ All levels
- ▶ Two Private, Non-Profit Institutions
- ▶ One Proprietary Institution
- ▶ 3,000+ Indiana Credentials



# HIGH SCHOOLS AS DELIVERY SITES FOR THE CORE

## Indiana College Core

[Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana](#) 

*Learning Opportunity*

Basic Info

Location Info


Connect to this Learning Opportunity

### About this Learning Opportunity

In 2012, the Indiana legislature enacted Senate Enrolled Act-182, thereby establishing the requirements for a Statewide Transfer General Education Core of at least 30 credit hours. The statute states that the Core must be based upon a set of competencies in areas agreed upon by the state educational institutions.

A Statewide Leadership Team was created to develop a framework for the Statewide Transfer General Education Core and to provide oversight of the implementation process. The Statewide Leadership Team agreed upon six competencies for which student learning outcomes would be developed. Faculty representatives from each institution met to agree

Location Listing



A map of Indiana and surrounding regions (Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri) showing several red location pins. The pins are concentrated in the central and southern parts of Indiana, with one pin in northern Indiana near Chicago. Major cities labeled include Chicago, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Toledo, Cleveland, Akron, Columbus, Cincinnati, Louisville, Lexington, Evansville, St. Louis, Peoria, Champaign, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, and Bloomington. The map includes a 'Map' button, a 'Satellite' button, a person icon, and zoom controls (+, -, reset). Map data is attributed to ©2021 Google, INEGI. The Google logo is in the bottom left corner.

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EARNED CREDITS?   TRANSFER RESOURCES   ADVISORS

- What you need to consider before signing up for a Dual Credit course
- Priority Course List and Crosswalk
- Policy/FAQs/Reports
- Find out if the Indiana College Core is offered at your high school

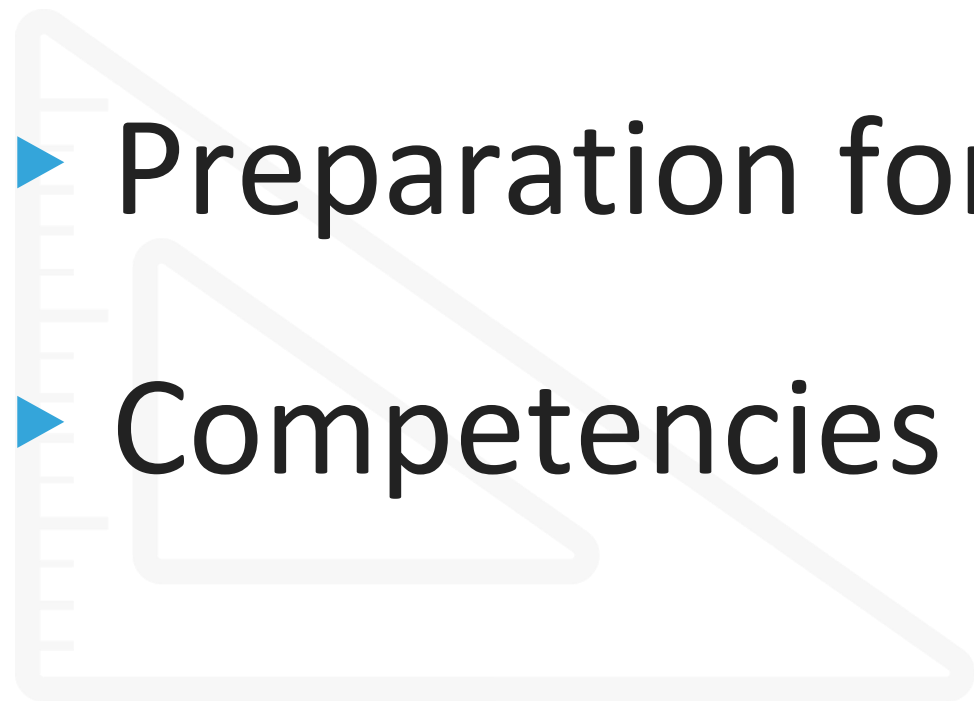
The Credential Finder is a tool for exploring all of the information published on the Credential Registry. This tool allows you to find out if the [Indiana College Core](#) is offered at your high school. You can also search and compare majors, certificates (e.g., Indiana College Core) licenses and more. [Search and Compare Programs](#) *Note: more high schools are continuously being added to this list, check with your counselor to see what is offered at your school.*
- Early College High School
- Early College High School vs. Dual Credit: What's the difference?



<https://credentialfinder.org/w/indianacollegecore>

# EXAMPLES OF DATA PUBLISHED FOR EACH CREDENTIAL

- ▶ Cost per credit hour, fees
- ▶ Credit hours required
- ▶ Availability online
- ▶ Transfer options
- ▶ Accreditation (some with more coming)
- ▶ Preparation for licensure (some with more coming)
- ▶ Competencies for Ivy Tech, Purdue Global (more coming)



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