

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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DISCUSSION ITEM D: **Associate Degree Programs Offered at Indiana Public Universities**

Staff Recommendation For discussion only.

Background At its October and November meetings, the Commission discussed Indiana associate degree production from all sectors (public, independent, and for-profit) and in the context of national data. The Commission raised questions in a number of areas on topics such as separating degrees conferred by residents and non-residents, degree production by program area, and degree production trends in light of the need to achieve national goals, which would involve substantially higher degree production for Indiana (10,000 more degrees per year). These topics will be dealt with in subsequent analyses.

This report will address the updated status of associate degree programs offered by Indiana public universities, which is important, given that the two-year sector will need to coordinate its efforts to expand associate degree production as the four-year institutions de-emphasize associate degree programs. The report will also include associate degree projections from Ivy Tech Community College and Vincennes University.

Supporting Document *Associate Degree Programs Offered at Indiana Public Universities*
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