INDIANA COMMISSION for HIGHER EDUCATION

FAQs: ITT Tech Closure

Where can I get my transcript?

Students may access their unofficial ITT transcripts and records right now online at http://itt-tech.info/about/how-to-obtain-a-transcript/.

ITT has contracted with industry leader Parchment to provide students access to their transcripts at www.parchment.com/ITT.

The state is also working to secure official transcripts and records for all Indiana ITT students. This process could take several weeks. Once transcripts are secured, affected students can request their official transcripts by completing and submitting this form: SF 48905 - Request and Authorization for Release of Student Records.

I want to continue my education. What are my options?

Many Indiana schools will work with ITT students to assist students. The following schools have specific programs in place:

- Ivy Tech Community College
- WGU Indiana
- Indiana Wesleyan University
- Harrison College
- Oakland City University
- Trine University
- Indiana Tech
- Grace College
- Marian University

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Education has partnered with the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and Beyond 12 to match ITT students with financial aid and academic counseling for free at NextStepsEdu.org.

I heard about potential loan forgiveness. What are my options?

It is possible for some students to have their federal loans discharged, although students should carefully consider all options before applying for loan forgiveness.

Students should go directly to the US Department of Education website to learn about eligibility and steps required to apply for a closed-school loan discharge.

You may be eligible for a 100 percent discharge of your Direct Loans, Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loans, or Federal Perkins Loans under either of these circumstances:

- Your school closes while you're enrolled, and you do not complete your program because of the closure. If you were on an approved leave of absence, you are considered to have been enrolled at the school.
- Your school closes within 120 days after you withdraw.

You are not eligible for discharge of your loans if your school closes and any of the following is true:

- You withdrew from all classes before May 6, 2016, which is more than 120 days before ITT ceased instruction.
- You are completing a comparable educational program at another school
  - through a teach-out agreement with the school
  - by transferring academic credits or hours earned at the closed school to another school
  - by any other comparable means.
- You have completed all the course work for the program, even if you have not received a diploma or certificate.

To apply for loan forgiveness through a closed school discharge, you can either

- complete and return the Closed School Loan Discharge Application sent to you by your servicer or complete this Closed School Loan Discharge Application and return it to your loan servicer, or
- contact your loan servicer about the application process for getting your loan discharged.

What if I'm a veteran who used the GI Bill to attend ITT?

Indiana believes that if ITT students can apply to have their federal loans forgiven, then veterans who used their GI Bill benefits to attend ITT should not be penalized, either. This is an issue that can only be solved at the federal level, but the state is urging action to assist and support veterans affected by this ITT closure.

On September 9, 2016, Indiana Governor Mike Pence and Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb sent a letter to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Robert McDonald to request that the VA fully reinstate the GI Bill benefits of veterans who used their benefits at ITT during the current calendar year but have not yet obtained a degree or credential.

On September 13, 2016, Reps. Luke Messer (IN-06), Todd Young (IN-09), Jackie Walorski (IN-02) and other members of the Indiana congressional delegation filed legislation to assist veterans harmed by the recent closure of ITT Technical Institute.

H.R. 6003 would allow veterans to recover their GI Bill educational benefits if they were using their benefits at a college or university that closes, preventing them from completing their degree. The bill would apply to all veterans who were enrolled at ITT Tech at the time it closed.

Be on the look-out for scammers.

If anyone contacts you offering to forgive your student loans for a small fee or says they are from a national organization or agency—beware. The safest way to secure your loan forgiveness/repayment is through the US Department of Education online at studentaid.ed.gov.

I'm a former ITT employee affected by the abrupt closure. What are my options?

Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) activated Rapid Response teams efforts to assist displaced ITT Tech employees in the five affected regions of the state. These teams are reaching out to employees to connect them with local employment opportunities as well as providing resume assistance, interview workshops, and skills assessments.

To find an Indiana WorkOne Location near you, visit www.in.gov/dwd/WorkOne/locations.html.

Other State Assistance and Resources

Access other state assistance and resources through Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration at www.in.gov/fssa/2407.htm.