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Indiana Continues Streamlining Degree Programs to Better Prepare Students for the Future

Collaborative process better aligns degree options with student interest and in-demand careers

(INDIANAPOLIS) – In partnership with Indiana’s public colleges and universities, the [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) (Commission) today concluded a comprehensive review of degree programs based on the statutory graduate thresholds outlined in Indiana Code (IC) 21-18-9-10.7. Of the approximately 2,300 degree programs offered statewide by Indiana’s public institutions, more than 1,000 degree programs were below the statutory thresholds, serving very few students. Collectively, these more than 1,000 degree programs serve approximately 4% of all Indiana public higher education graduates.

The degree program review, conducted [in close partnership](#) between Indiana’s public institutions and the Commission, reflects a shared commitment to maximizing resources to align with student interest and ensuring that students graduate ready to succeed in an evolving workforce. While a very small number of students are served by these degree programs, student continuity was a top priority throughout the process, ensuring all students can complete their current degrees through an orderly teach-out process.

“When higher education is more closely aligned with the jobs of the future, it ensures that the investments of students, families, and taxpayers are stewarded well,” said Gov. Braun. “Today we are one step closer to ensuring Indiana’s public colleges and universities provide the best opportunities possible for students and their future success.”

Under House Enrolled Act 1001-2025, the following graduate thresholds were established, based on a rolling three-year average:

- 10 graduates for an associate degree
- 15 graduates for a bachelor’s degree
- 7 graduates for a master’s degree
- 3 graduates for an educational specialist degree or a doctorate

Based on these thresholds, below is a breakdown of the actions taken by the Commission at the April meeting:

- Out of approximately 2,300 degree programs at public institutions statewide, more than 1,000 were reviewed due to statutory threshold requirements.
- Out of those over 1,000 under-threshold degree programs, approximately 470 degree programs will continue with no impact to current students:
 - Approximately 280 newly approved degree programs will continue building enrollment over the next several years, prior to official review.
 - Approximately 50 off-ramp degree programs, which do not actively recruit but provide an important “all-or-something” opportunity for students, will continue.
 - Approximately 140 degree programs will continue under an improvement plan.

- Statewide, approximately 370 degree programs were merged or consolidated, providing students an opportunity to complete their current degree through a teach-out.
 - Approximately 80 degree programs were above-threshold programs that were considered at the request of the institution.
- Statewide, approximately 210 degree programs were suspended or eliminated, providing students an opportunity to complete their current degree through a teach-out.
 - 50 had zero enrollments.
- Indiana’s state educational institutions continue to offer over 1,700 degree programs, which serve approximately 96% of current students.
 - This includes degree programs in Arts and Humanities, Business and Communication, Education, Health, Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services, STEM, and Trades.

In addition to the actions taken Wednesday, this process included voluntary action by institutions in the months prior to the law taking effect on July 1, 2025, where institutions independently streamlined or committed to streamline 372 under-threshold programs. Voluntary decisions prior to the enactment of the law did not require Commission approval. When voluntary institutional decisions already executed in June 2025 are included with today’s Commission approval, the approximately 1,280 total impacted under-threshold, above-threshold, and forthcoming consolidated degree programs by institution include:

- Ball State University: 127
- Indiana State University: 83
- Indiana University (all campuses, including regional): 605
- Ivy Tech Community College: 47
- Purdue University (all campuses, including regional): 274
- University of Southern Indiana: 64
- Vincennes University: 79

“At its core, this work is about ensuring higher education continues to deliver on its promise,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. “Students and their families invest significant time, money, and trust into postsecondary education, and they deserve confidence that programs are viable, aligned with student interests and workforce needs, and positioned to deliver real outcomes. By right-sizing degree pathways across the state, we can continue to strengthen higher education in Indiana through increased transparency and improved alignment with student interests and real career opportunities.”

Additional information can be found [here](#) regarding each degree program that was reviewed. Institutions may continue to voluntarily eliminate, suspend, or merge/consolidate programs throughout the year and may also propose new programs for the Commission to review. For more information about IC 21-18-9-10.7, please visit the [Commission’s website](#).

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE, Commission) is the State’s higher education coordinating agency, driven to improve economic and social mobility for fellow Hoosiers through postsecondary education and training, and is a part of Governor Mike Braun’s Office of Education. The Commission also administers Indiana’s state financial aid programs, including [21st Century Scholars](#), which celebrated 35 years in 2025.