



## TRANSFER SINGLE ARTICULATION PATHWAYS (TSAP)

### FAQs

#### 1. What are Transfer Single Articulation Pathways (TSAPs)?

The TSAPs are competency-based degree tracks designed to promote seamless transfer from a public 2-year to a public 4-year degree program. These were aligned with program areas that have significant enrollment numbers by students who may first obtain an associate of science or an associate of arts degree. In most cases, completion of a TSAP also involves completion of the Indiana College Core (formerly the STGEC).

#### 2. Who do the TSAPs apply to?

Students enrolling after May 1, 2015, are eligible for the TSAP. Students who enrolled at 2-year public institutions prior to May 1, 2015, may be eligible by meeting the following conditions: 1) changing their catalog year to Fall 2015 or later, 2) completing at least 50% of their major course requirements after May 1, 2015. **Rare exceptions need to be agreed upon by both the sending and receiving institutions.**

#### 3. What is satisfactory completion of the TSAP?

While a cumulative GPA of 2.0 may meet the standard graduation requirement for an associate degree and for the 30 hours of courses within the Indiana College Core, a cumulative 2.0 GPA may or may not be enough to gain admission into a public 4-year institution. In that event, a student who successfully completes the Indiana College Core is eligible to transfer that coursework to another state college or university as a block of 30 credit hours towards the general education requirements; all other courses will be reevaluated on a course-by-course basis.

#### 4. Does satisfactorily completing the associate of science or associate of arts degree for the TSAP mean a student can transfer to any state educational institution?

No. Students must apply for admission as a transfer student, identify that they have completed the TSAP, and apply to their program of study. Admission to a public 4-year institution does not guarantee admission into a student's program of study.



**5. Do Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), dual credit, and International Baccalaureate (IB) coursework or exams count towards the TSAP requirements?**

Advanced Placement (AP), CLEP, and dual credit will count towards general education coursework at public 2-year institutions and may be recognized as part of the TSAPs. Depending on institutional policies, IB course scores may possibly count towards general education. The credits must be evaluated, reviewed, and applied according to the policy at the public 2-year institution. Working with an academic advisor is essential in determining what, if any, credit of this nature will transfer to the TSAP requirements. Students should also be aware that AP, CLEP, and IB credit will be reevaluated by 4-year institutions in accordance with their own transfer articulation rules.

**6. The public 4-year institution in which a student wants to transfer has a residency requirement for its general education program. What is the impact?**

Students will not be adversely affected by this. Any residency requirement relating to general education will be waived for students who have satisfactorily completed the Indiana College Core at another Indiana public institution.

**7. What if the student wants to transfer before completing a TSAP associate degree?**

Coursework may still transfer, and all courses in the Indiana Core Transfer Library (CTL) must be articulated by public institutions. However, rather than receiving the block of 60 credit hours associated with the TSAP associate degree and the Indiana College Core, coursework will be articulated on a course-by-course basis by the public institution to which the student transfers.

**8. What is the relationship between the Core Transfer Library (CTL) and the TSAPs?**

The courses in the CTL have all been approved for transfer and articulation at Indiana public institutions. These are the most commonly taken and transferred courses, and many of them are courses that satisfy general education requirements. The most important thing to remember about the TSAP, though, is that it is met by following a specific pathway at a public 2-year institution, and courses in the CTL represent just a fraction of those available at public 2-year and public 4-year public institutions in Indiana. To see a list of CTL courses, please visit: [TransferIN](#).

**9. How is it known that the TSAP has been completed?**

Ivy Tech Community College and Vincennes University will certify that students have met the TSAP requirements and the Indiana College Core requirements, and both will be reflected on their transcripts. If the student is admitted to the corresponding TSAP program at a 4-year public institution, that school will recognize the TSAP and apply the credit hours to the student's earned associate degree and completion of the Indiana College Core to their academic record.



**10. Does completing the TSAP associate degree assure the completion of the Indiana College Core?**

Students who complete a TSAP associate's degree should also fulfill requirements for the Indiana College Core. Consequently, both TSAP and Indiana College Core completion will be indicated on the student's transcripts. Some public 4-year institutions, however, may require additional general education coursework (i.e., additional competencies, and more than 30 hours), and some degree programs require that specific coursework be completed for admission to a program or completion of degree objectives.

**11. Does completing the TSAP assure completion of each institution's general education requirement?**

No, because it becomes dependent on the general education requirements or other prerequisites at the 4-year institution.

**12. Does completing the TSAP ensure that requirements have been met to gain entry into the student's selected program of study?**

Successful completion of the TSAP does not guarantee admission into a student's program of study. Students should work closely with an advisor to ensure that they will meet as many program-specific requirements as possible as a part of their general education coursework and the TSAP. With a very few exceptions, baccalaureate degrees require 120 hours of coursework, of which the TSAP constitutes 60 hours.

**13. Does the TSAP affect other degree requirements?**

Maybe. If any course within the TSAP is a requirement for a major or other degree objective at the public 4-year institution, and students do not meet the grade requirement for that objective, then the receiving institution may require them to repeat the course. It is absolutely critical that students work closely with academic advisors to determine what relationship, if any, exists between requirements for general education and requirements for a specific major and/or other degree objective.

**14. Does the TSAP apply to students studying at an independent (private) college or university in Indiana?**

No. Independent institutions in Indiana are not subject to [SEA 182 \(2013\)](#) and are not participants in the TSAP initiative.

**15. How do students know which courses to take to complete a particular public 2-year degree?**

While public institutions publish degree maps and TSAP requirements on their websites, it is essential that students work closely with academic advisors to determine requirements for general education and requirements for a specific major and/or other degree objectives. For more information, please visit: [TransferIN](#).



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