Memorandum of Agreement Between
Purdue University West Lafayette College of Agriculture and
Ivy Tech Community College - Lafayette
For the Pathway (Co-enrollment) Program

Program Description:
The Purdue University West Lafayette College of Agriculture/Ivy Tech Community College-
Lafayette (Ivy Tech) Pathway Program (Pathway) is a partnership between Purdue University
West Lafayette College of Agriculture (Purdue) and Ivy Tech Community College – Lafayette
(Ivy Tech) designed to increase access to and completion of a B.S. degree in the College of
Agriculture for Indiana residents. The goals of the Pathway program are to:
• increase access to a Purdue College of Agriculture B.S. degree,
• increase readiness for successful completion of an A.S. and B.S. degree
• and to engage the students in the university community and academic culture of Purdue
  as freshmen – again to increase probability of successful graduation.
The metrics of success for students beginning in the Pathway program will be the completion
rate of the Ivy Tech A.S. degree and the 6 year completion rate of the Purdue B.S. degree.
Pathway will be judged to be successful if the percentage of students completing the Purdue B.S.
degree is equal to, or higher than the completion rate for beginners in the College of Agriculture
at Purdue.

Pathway students will be co-enrolled at Purdue and Ivy Tech. They will take the majority of their
general education courses at Ivy Tech. Concurrently, each Pathway student will enroll in at least
one course each fall and spring semester at Purdue with the intent of remaining in-step with the
cohort of students admitted directly to the degree program in the College of Agriculture at
Purdue. They will have access to Purdue and Ivy Tech services similar to full-time students at
each institution, including rec-sports, library, computer access, student organization
participation, and housing based upon availability. Upon successful completion of the Pathway
program, they will be guaranteed admission into the Purdue College of Agriculture.

Upon admission to the program, students will enroll in Purdue’s AGR 101 and participate in an
orientation session jointly conducted by both institutions. Students will enroll in AGR 101 during
their first semester in the program or as soon as they meet “program ready” prerequisite criteria.
In subsequent semesters, students will take a minimum of one resident course at Purdue each
semester while enrolled in the Pathway program. Each student will enroll in required agriculture
courses in his or her chosen major at Purdue when possible. Although a mixture of agriculture
and general education courses are encouraged, a minimum of three Purdue agriculture classes
beyond AGR 101 is required. Course prerequisites must be met prior to enrolling in a course at
either institution. Each semester that a student is enrolled in the program he or she will meet
jointly with an Ivy Tech faculty advisor and a Purdue College of Agriculture advisor.

A student who completes the Pathway program is guaranteed admission into the Purdue
College of Agriculture if she or he meets the requirements for the A.S. degree in Agriculture at
Ivy Tech with a cumulative GPA of a 2.5 and maintain a cumulative GPA of a 2.5 or greater in
Purdue coursework; a minimum GPA of 2.0 must be achieved in each course taken at either
institution in order to be accepted for transfer; selected majors may require higher GPAs for
admission to those majors. Up to three students who complete the Pathway program with cumulative GPAs at both institutions of a 3.5 or greater will be awarded a one-time scholarship of $1000 from the Purdue College of Agriculture. Both institutions will continue to seek additional scholarship support for Pathway students.

**Terms of the Agreement**

A Pathway student must be a high school graduate or have earned an equivalent certificate and must not have completed more than 15 earned credit hours from another college or university after graduation from high school. A student must be deemed “program ready” at Ivy Tech before taking a course at Purdue. Enrollment in the program will be targeted at approximately 30 students per cohort.

The primary pool of undergraduate students for the Pathway Program will be Indiana residents who have applied to the Purdue West Lafayette College of Agriculture, but who are not academically prepared or competitive for immediate degree-seeking admission to the West Lafayette campus. Ivy Tech may also identify students for this program.

Such students whom the Purdue Office of Admissions deems would benefit from the resources available to them at Ivy Tech and therefore have potential to transfer to Purdue after completion of the Associate’s Degree will be invited to apply to the program at the time of their initial denial to Purdue-West Lafayette. The College of Agriculture is encouraged to provide additional outreach to these students until May 1 for the fall term and November 1 for spring applicants.

These students must meet the following minimum criteria:

- High school diploma or GED
- Minimum 25% high school class rank (if provided)
- High school core academic GPA of 2.0
- 750 Critical Reading + Math SAT or ACT Composite of 16
- High school subject matter requirements for Purdue admissions
- Earned no more than 15 college credits post high school graduation

A student who is interested in the Pathway Program must formally accept the invitation to join the Pathway program no later than July 1 for fall entrance and no later than November 1 for spring entrance. Purdue’s Office of Admissions will then create a non-degree application in Banner and put the student in “admit” status and add a “cohort” designation in Banner specific to this program. The student will also be instructed to apply to Ivy Tech as soon as possible, both for admission and financial aid. The College of Agriculture will be able to produce reports on the students and will, along with Ivy Tech, follow up with them.

The Admissions staff will also work with the College of Agriculture in registering the students while they are in non-degree status at Purdue.
When a student is ready to apply to Purdue as a degree-seeking student, he or she must complete a new online application for the degree program and provide the following:

- Final high school transcript
- Official Ivy Tech transcript
- Transcripts from any other educational institution attended since graduating from high school

Eligibility for Continuation
While in the Pathway program, each student will be expected to participate in a set number of community-building and academic support activities. A list of approved activities, including field trips and participation in agriculture-related student organizations, will be provided. Appropriate activities will be chosen by the student and approved by the academic advisors.

Students must maintain registration in a minimum of 12 credits, which includes enrollment in at least one resident course each semester at Purdue. To continue in the program for the next semester, a student must maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA at each institution. A student who falls below a 2.5 GPA at either campus will be required to develop an academic success plan in consultation with and approved by the Purdue and Ivy Tech advisors. To gain guaranteed admission to Purdue, a student must:

- complete the A.S. degree in Agriculture at Ivy Tech Lafayette with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher,
- attain a minimum GPA of 2.0 in each course taken at Purdue and Ivy Tech in order for courses to be applicable for transfer to either degree,
- complete the Pathway requirements, and
- maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at Purdue.

Pathway Agreements between Ivy Tech and Purdue for students in Pathway Program

1. Each separate institution will be responsible for the assessment, billing, and collection of tuition and fees, based on each institution’s approved tuition & fee schedules and the number of credit hours registered for at each institution. Each institution shall retain the associated revenue with respect to the tuition and fees assessed at that institution.
2. Each institution will adhere to its established and published refund policies.
3. Due to the later financial aid disbursement schedule at Ivy Tech, Purdue will put into place an arrangement with the student to defer payment of fees until after the Ivy Tech financial aid disburses.
4. Upon notice from Purdue of the registered classes and number of enrollees for each class, the Ivy Tech Follett’s bookstore manager will coordinate the delivery of the required books to the Lafayette Follett’s campus bookstore. This arrangement will allow Pathway students to purchase their required textbooks using their Ivy Tech financial aid voucher, if they so choose.
5. A Pathway student initially admitted to Ivy Tech as a participating degree-seeking student shall be registered as a non-degree student for any coursework required at Purdue until the Ivy Tech degree has been conferred.
6. After completion of the degree at Ivy Tech, Pathway students will be able to apply for Purdue admission; once admitted, students will be assessed fees as regular degree-seeking students on the Purdue campus.

7. Non-instructional fees for services provided to students shall be assessed as approved by either campus, including contracted housing or dining charges.

8. Ivy Tech will specify the enrollment period beginning and ending dates for Title IV student aid purposes.

9. Ivy Tech will define enrollment status (e.g. full-time, half-time, less than half-time) for Title IV student aid purposes.

10. Ivy Tech will process and disburse all financial aid under federal, state, and institutional guidelines.

11. Ivy Tech will process external enrollment verification requests and include the non-degree enrollment at Purdue; conversely, Purdue will not process external enrollment verification requests for students in the program.

12. Ivy Tech will report enrollment information to the National Student Loan Data System through the Clearinghouse or other mechanism.

13. Both Ivy Tech and Purdue will report enrollment information to the Indiana Commission on Higher Education.

14. Ivy Tech will establish Cost of Attendance per Title IV guidelines.

15. Ivy Tech will secure authorizations relating to cash management regulations 34CFR 668.165.

16. Ivy Tech agrees to include the student on the federal FISAP report.

17. Ivy Tech agrees to make available required student consumer information, including satisfactory academic progress policy requirements and applicable refund and repayment policy.

18. Ivy Tech will consider Purdue enrollment for financial aid consideration only if the coursework taken is applicable to degree requirements at Ivy Tech as determined by the appropriate academic advisors.

19. Each institution will only accept the credits for each class a student completes in the program with a grade of 2.0 or better.

20. Ivy Tech will monitor Satisfactory Academic Progress using all courses taken both at Ivy Tech and Purdue.

21. Ivy Tech will define the refund and repayment policy for Return to Title IV refund calculation, though each institution will follow its own tuition refund policy.

22. Purdue will provide enrollment documentation to Ivy Tech upon request to insure appropriate disbursement of any student financial assistance.

23. Purdue agrees it will not process financial aid for a student in program; if the student has tuition and fees that are discounted by statute or a remission of fees, Purdue agrees to report that information to Ivy Tech.

24. Purdue agrees to notify Ivy Tech of any changes in enrollment and/or non-attendance.

25. Purdue agrees to release the student’s grades to Ivy Tech at the completion of the term with appropriate student consent.

26. Ivy Tech will provide an Official Transcript to Purdue for each Pathway student upon completion of the AS degree at no cost to the student.

27. Purdue will provide a last date of attendance to Ivy Tech in cases of official or unofficial withdrawal.
28. Purdue agrees to forward information about cost of attendance components to Ivy Tech upon request.
29. Admission application fees shall be waived for a student registering for courses as a non-degree student at Purdue.

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