

ASSOCIATE ACCELERATED PROGRAM



DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED

General Studies

TWO-YEAR DEGREE IN ONE YEAR

Students can earn a degree that can lead to a career or transfer to a 4-year program at one of Indiana's public colleges and universities. Students join a learning community that provides support from their peers and faculty mentoring which improves students' chances for successful completion. The degree program available to students for the 2013–2014 academic year is General Studies. As such, students who are hoping to transfer to a four-year institution must evaluate transferability to their institution's choice. Other degree programs may be added in the future.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- Eligible for Pell and SSACI benefits
- Meet minimum scores on the PSAT, SAT, ACT and/or Ivy Tech's Accuplacer assessment
- Core 40 diploma
- Minimum 2.5 GPA at time of graduation
- Solid high school attendance record
- No major disciplinary issues
- Nominated by teachers, administrators, and counselors
- Be selected by an advisory panel

PARENT/GUARDIAN OF STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAM MUST:

- Support student by completing FAFSA by March 10, 2013
- Sign pledge sheet
- Monitor student's progress
- Provide student with room and board

The Associate Accelerated Program (ASAP) provides recent high school graduates with the opportunity to earn an associate's degree in one year. Students enrolled in the Ivy Tech-Lafayette accelerated program are Smith Scholars thanks to a generous gift from the Smith Family Fund.

STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAM MUST:

Students must meet income requirements. The program is designed to meet the needs of students who face significant barriers to higher education.

- Complete FAFSA by March 10, 2013
- Full Pell eligibility is recommended, but special circumstances will be considered
- Complete program application process
 - o Apply to Ivy Tech Community College
 - o Complete supplemental program application
 - o Respond to essay questions
 - o Sign pledge sheet
 - o Secure two recommendations
 - o Participate in a personal interview if selected as a finalist
- Attend a new student orientation session

THE PROGRAM

In order to best utilize Financial Aid, selected ASAP students will begin taking classes June 10th. Students will be required to attend a program orientation prior to the start of the Summer semester. Students will be placed in groups that will stay together throughout the 40-week academic program, which consists of five, eight-week learning modules. Each module consists of four classes that meet from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. With support from a faculty mentor, the groups will function as a learning community and provide support to each other. Those who successfully complete the program will receive an associate's degree in May, 2014.

STIPEND

Because participation in the program is essentially a full-time job, students **will not** be allowed to work on school days and will be discouraged from working on weekends. To facilitate the successful completion of this rigorous program, students will be provided a stipend of \$100 per week (\$5,200 for the year), paid at the beginning of each month.

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