Articulation Types for New Baccalaureate Degrees

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) now requires that all new baccalaureate degrees be presented with articulation plans for students from Ivy Tech Community College (ITCC) and Vincennes University (VU). To facilitate this process, the University Transfer Office (UTO) will review all plans prior to approval by the Academic Leadership Council (ALC). This document is intended to define the types of articulation models available and to provide guidance for developing articulation plans.

**Types of Articulation -- Definitions**

**TSAP (2+2) Transfer Single Articulation Pathway.** TSAPs are negotiated degree competencies, allowing students to complete the companion associate and baccalaureate degrees with a guarantee of on-time completion. At the 2-year college, the student will complete the Statewide Transfer General Education Core (STGEC), as well as prerequisite and intro coursework for the baccalaureate major. Upon admission to the campus and TSAP baccalaureate degree program, the student will have 60 credits recognized, including the STGEC milestone, and be able to complete the companion baccalaureate degree within 2 additional years. Additional information and approved degrees may be found on the UTO website. Upon admission to the campus and TSAP baccalaureate degree program, the student will have 60 credits recognized, including the STGEC milestone, and be able to complete the companion baccalaureate degree within 2 additional years.

**Associate Preparatory Pathway (2+2).** The Associate Preparatory pathway is a formal or informal agreement between the 2-year and 4-year institutions defining a “best-fit” associate degree (AA or AS) for transfer to the 4-year program. This is not intended as a requirement for admission or to imply TSAP guarantees, but rather it allows the student to complete the STGEC, along with courses intended to align with campus or departmental requirements, prerequisites, and intro coursework for the degree. Upon admission, the student will receive 30 credits for the STGEC milestone. All other coursework will transfer consistent with current policies related to the Core Transfer Library (CTL) and individual course articulations. If fewer than 60 credits are transferable toward the baccalaureate degree requirements, sufficient credits must be taken at the 4-year campus to reach 120 total credit hours.

**General Associate Pathway (2+2).** For programs in which all campus and major requirements can be completed within 60 credits, a student with ANY associate degree (AA or AS) from ITCC or VU will receive 30 credits toward their degree for the STGEC milestone. All other coursework will transfer consistent with current policies related to the Core Transfer Library (CTL) and individual course articulations. If fewer than 60 credits are transferable toward the baccalaureate degree requirements, sufficient credits must be taken at the 4-year campus to reach 120 total credit hours.

**STGEC Pathway (1+3).** In cases where the required coursework at the 4-year campus exceeds 60 credit hours, it may be in the student’s best interest to transfer prior to the completion of an associate degree in order to remain on-time for graduation within 4 years. In this case, the student may consider completing the STGEC at ITCC or VU. Articulation plans should include recommended prerequisite or preparatory courses that the student can use to satisfy the STGEC milestone and prepare for the baccalaureate degree coursework.

**No Articulation Available (na).** In rare cases where course specificity across all levels of instruction is such that a reasonable articulation plan is not available, this information should be detailed within the proposal and in APPENDIX 9. Note that the signature page is still required with the 2-year colleges even if no articulation is available.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The Course Articulation Planning for New Baccalaureate Degrees is to be included as APPENDIX 9 of the degree proposal. Note that articulation plans are required with both Ivy Tech Community College and Vincennes University.