

Ivy Tech Community College Adds Initiatives to Enhance Training Opportunities for La Porte County Residents and Employers.

Responding to local industry needs, Peter Linden, Chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College in Michigan City, announced the College and its Campus academic team, led by Vice Chancellor Rob Jeffs, is strategically realigning investments towards training programs in Industrial Technology, Logistics, and Information Technology. He added, "It is our intention to enhance opportunities for residents to access local high paying jobs and for employers to invest in their reliable employees by upgrading their skills for anticipated openings."

Courses will begin the week of January 14, 2019 and benefit from an expanded partnership with A.K. Smith Career Center. Linden continued, "For those that qualify many of the training programs may be paid for by Indiana's ***Next Level Jobs***. He listed the College's initiatives as follows.

Industrial Technology, Linden indicated, will be offered for the first time locally by Ivy Tech utilizing the community's investment in the A.K. Smith Career and Technical Education Center. Technical labs sparingly used in the evening will see increased usage by Ivy Tech to train adults in Welding, CNC Machining, Automotive, Carpentry, Advanced Manufacturing, and industrial electricity. Training leading to national certifications in Production are also planned.

For additional information for these courses or for other company needs, contact Rob Jeffs at (219) 879-9137 ext. 6252, or by email at rjeffs@ivytech.edu

Logistics/Supply Chain Management training prepares prospects or existing employees in skills needed by your company. It addresses the movement and storage of raw materials, work-in-process inventory, analysis and finished goods. Training in the technologies and information systems used to track goods and increase efficiencies is included. National certifications in the field may be earned.

Andy Mason is leading this initiative for the community college. Andy owned his own logistics company with distribution networks in the United States, Europe, and Asia with an annual budget of over \$30 Million. For additional information, he may be reached at (219) 879-9137 ext. 6294 or by emailing him at amason12@ivytech.edu

Information Technology- Support provides training that is needed to build and maintain computing systems in your company. It includes tearing down and rebuilding computers, customer support software, and project management. Trainees will learn how to diagnose computer related issues and walk customers through resolving those issues.

The College has hired Beth Golding to lead the program. She has worked for international information technology companies gaining expertise in hardware, software and security as it relates to business applications.

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Next Level Jobs provides Hoosiers with free state-wide training in high-paying, in-demand industries. Next Level Jobs also provides Indiana employers with reimbursements up to \$50,000 to train their employees in these high-growth fields. Program information is at <https://www.nextleveljobs.org/>

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About Ivy Tech Community College

Ivy Tech Community College serves communities across Indiana, providing world-class education driving economic transformation. It is the state's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singularly accredited statewide community college system. Ivy Tech serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering high-value degree programs and training that are aligned with the needs of its communities, along with courses and programs that transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana. It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association.