

Graduate with more than a diploma.

There is only so much you can learn sitting behind a desk, but you can supplement your education with hands-on experience at the FWCS Career Academy. This means you can earn your high school diploma while gaining practical experience as an automotive technologist, a chef, a hair stylist, or a firefighter, to name just a few of the options. Academy programs will provide you with the skills you need for a successful career. **You can apply as soon as the end of your sophomore year!**



Automotive

Our industry-approved curriculum and relationships with local dealerships and repair shops will give you the skills and experience you need to enter the fast-growing and increasingly technical automotive industry. Offers ASE Student Certification, AYES: an opportunity to work in an automotive or truck service center, Hands-on lab experiences in a modern, up-to-date automotive facility

- Transfer 18 credits in automotive technology to Ivy Tech Community College
- Transfer six credits in collision technology to Ivy Tech Community College
- Seniors who've been in the program for one year are eligible for paid co-op job placements and internships with local dealerships and repair shops

Aviation

You'll learn how to troubleshoot and repair mechanical aspects of beginning aviation technology with aircraft at Smith Field. Explore the world of aircraft mechanics and complete the initial semester of the two-year Aviation Technology Program at Ivy Tech Community College while still in high school.

- Transfer credit hours to Ivy Tech Community College or another FAA-approved school toward an associate degree in aviation maintenance

Construction Trades

You will take a big first step toward a career in construction by completing this program. Learn the fundamentals of home building, masonry/concrete, finish carpentry, and electrical. Students who display the practical skills needed in the construction industry may qualify for a paid work experience placement as they become available.

- Students may earn up to six dual credits through Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University.
- Industry certifications are available to those who qualify.

Cosmetology

Earn your cosmetology license and start enjoying this creative and flexible field. Business management, customer relations and technique are skills you will learn to prepare you for your exciting career in cosmetology. You will receive 1,500 hours to become a state-licensed cosmetologist, hair stylist, colorist, makeup artist or nail technician. Attend a supervised trip to Chicago for "America's Beauty Show." Learn the basics of small business development. Develop effective customer service.

- Transfer 30 credits in cosmetology to Vincennes University, leading to an associate degree in business entrepreneurship
- Earn your cosmetology license from the Indiana State Board of Cosmetology after successfully completing the written and practical exam

Culinary Arts

Learn the kitchen and management skills you need to enter the hospitality and food service field. At FWCS Career Academy we'll prepare you to join the millions of skilled and dedicated professionals who work in this rewarding and challenging industry. Experience a commercial kitchen. ServSafe training. Catering activities. Holiday events. Advanced Culinary students get hands-on experience in the student-operated, in-house Barr Street Café. Students prepare seasonal menus and create gourmet dishes for café patrons throughout the school year.

- Transfer nine credits in hospitality to Ivy Tech Community College with each successfully completed program
- Earn ServSafe Certification from the National Restaurant Association
- Become eligible for a paid co-op job placement after one year in the program

Early Education

Utilizing our onsite licensed daycare center and relationships with Head Start and elementary schools in the area, you'll get hands-on experience right away working with children. Whether you're interested in childcare, education, social work or psychology, this program will be instrumental in starting your career. First and second year students get hands-on instruction in the Career Academy's onsite licensed daycare center. You will interact with full-time staff and preschoolers to develop the children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual skills.

- Transfer 12 credits in early childhood education to Ivy Tech Community College; credits can also transfer to Ball State, Indiana State, IPFW and IUPUI
- Earn a CDA credential after successfully completing the Year 2 program
- Earn CPR and First Aid Certification
- Earn AAFCS Pre-PAC Early Education Credential

Health Sciences

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, over 18 million employees are needed to staff the healthcare and social assistance sector, and the programs within the Health Sciences Department will prepare you for entry-level positions. In addition to earning college credit and certifications, you'll graduate from our program with crucial job shadowing, internship, lab and classroom experience so you can quickly excel in your healthcare career. Certified Nursing Assistant, Introduction to Medical Assisting, and Dental Careers pathways available.

Information Technology

You will have the information technology world at your fingertips as you get hands-on training at the IT Academy. After completing a rotation through all concentrations, you'll select a major from one of our areas of study and be on your way to certification, college credits and internships that will land you a job in this quickly evolving industry. You will do client work, working in LTV54 studio, real network environments and certifications that make you marketable in the IT industry.

- 12 credit hours are available in electronic media, and computer web technology to transfer toward a degree at Vincennes University
- Over nine certifications are available from CompTIA, including CompTIA A+ , CompTIA Network + and Adobe
- Internships and externships are available

Public Safety

Whether you're interested in crime scene investigation, firefighting or becoming an emergency first responder, our public safety program will take you out of the classroom and onto the law enforcement scene. You will get hands-on experience in each of our three programs, resulting in college credit, certifications and career opportunities in the public safety field. Work with professional law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMT's.

- Transfer credits in criminal justice, fire science and public safety to Ivy Tech Community College
- The following state certifications are available: Mandatory Firefighter, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, HazMat Awareness, HazMat Operations, Technical Rescue Awareness, CPR, Blood Borne Pathogens and EMT Basic Certification, 911 Dispatch Certification

Academy Welding

From construction to biomedical to artwork, welding skills can lead to a variety of careers. With hands-on education and co-op job placements available, you'll be able to jumpstart your welding and manufacturing career as soon as you graduate from high school or complete your post-secondary degree. You will learn the following skills that will prepare you for immediate employment or continuing education: Joining metals using ARC, MIG, TIG and oxyacetylene welding and brazing, cutting metals using the plasma cam and oxyacetylene cutting torch, fabricating new materials, and reading blueprints and analyzing dimensional math.

- Transfer three credits in industrial technology to Ivy Tech Community College
- American Welding Society (AWS) certification
- Become eligible for a paid co-op job placement

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