

Standard IUPUI Description

IUPUI is Indiana's urban research and health sciences university. Founded in 1969 as a partnership between the state's two major public higher education institutions, Indiana University and Purdue University, with IU as the managing partner, IUPUI combines the strengths of both universities. The campus is home to 22 schools and academic units and is the third largest campus in Indiana, with almost 30,000 students, 2,150 faculty members, and 4,650 staff (including health professions) distributed across more than 300 degree programs, including 35 accredited undergraduate and graduate professional programs.

The mission of IUPUI is "to advance the State of Indiana and the intellectual growth of its citizens to the highest levels nationally and internationally through research and creative activity, teaching and learning, and civic engagement." Through its distinctive range of academic programs, the campus "promotes the educational, cultural, and economic development of central Indiana and beyond through innovative collaborations, external partnerships, and a strong commitment to diversity." Set on 509 acres in downtown Indianapolis, a short walk from the state capitol, IUPUI offers abundant opportunities for research, teaching and learning, and civic engagement and for multidisciplinary, collaborative initiatives that draw on the broad range of expertise on and off campus.

IUPUI's strong commitments to innovation, collaboration, and diversity fuel a unique mix of interdisciplinary, practice-based education and research that attracted some \$300 million in external grant and contract dollars in 2006-2007. In recent years, over 90 percent of external research funds have supported research in the health and life sciences, with a strong emphasis on translating and transforming research findings into real-world applications that improve the lives of people in the state of Indiana and beyond. IUPUI research has resulted in higher quality health care, new technologies, improved public policy, and successful businesses that contribute to the local economy.

The IUPUI campus ranks among the top 20 in the country in the number of first professional degrees it confers and among the top 10 in the country in the number of health-related degrees it awards. It is home to the IU School of Medicine, the second largest medical school in the country, the IU School of Nursing, the largest nursing school in the country, and the IU School of Dentistry, the only dental school in the state. As such, the campus plays a key role in Indiana's fast growing life sciences sector. IUPUI alumni account for 90 percent of Indiana's dentists, half of the physicians, more than a third of the nurses, and a large percentage of the state's health and rehabilitation sciences and social work professionals.

In addition to its highly regarded graduate and professional programs, IUPUI is widely recognized for innovative and effective undergraduate learning experiences. The campus strives to provide its undergraduates with real-world experiences, such as internships, service learning, mentored research, and study abroad, that encourage them to persist and graduate and that benefit them beyond graduation. *US News & World Report* has cited IUPUI's first-year experience programs, freshman learning communities, service learning opportunities, and undergraduate research as exemplary "programs that really work." In 2006-2007, IUPUI was one of three institutions to receive the Presidential Award for Community Service for exceptional accomplishments in student community service. The campus has also been nationally recognized for its Principles of Undergraduate Learning, assessment of undergraduate learning, faculty development to enhance student retention and success, and its infrastructure for institutional research and evaluation.