

Graduate Admissions

Graduate Admission Requirements

Degree-Seeking Students

Graduate Student

A student wishing to register for graduate courses at Indiana University Kokomo must have admission cleared in advance with the dean of the school in which the student wishes to earn a degree. If a student registers for graduate credit without the approval of the appropriate school, there is no assurance that credit for such work will be applied toward fulfilling requirements for an advanced degree. Application forms may be obtained from the dean of the school involved. The following degrees are offered at IU Kokomo: Master of Science in Elementary Education, Master of Science in Secondary Education, Master of Liberal Studies, and Master of Business Administration.

Graduate Special

Bachelor's degree holders who wish to take credit classes (graduate or undergraduate) but have not been formally admitted into a degree program may do so as a graduate special student. Special applications may be obtained from the Admissions Office.

Graduate Continuing

IU bachelor's degree holders who wish to take credit classes (graduate or undergraduate) but have not been formally admitted into a degree program may do so as a graduate continuing student. Special applications may be obtained from the Admissions Office.

Other Admissions Information

Placement Testing

Placement tests are required for most students upon initial enrollment in English, reading, or mathematics courses at IU Kokomo (see note). The test scores may be used in the admissions process for some students and are a guide to assist students in entering classes at the levels appropriate to their skills and prior study.

Note: The math placement test should be taken the semester preceding enrollment in math. Consult with an academic advisor or the director of the Learning Enhancement Center for the criteria for placement test exemption.

Project Success Program

This program is designed to admit students to the university who do not meet regular admission criteria and do not earn satisfactory scores on the placement tests. (For additional information, see the section "University Division.")

Readmission after Academic Dismissal

Academic divisions consider petitions for readmission from students who have been dismissed from IU. Transfer students who have been academically dismissed from another college or university must petition for admission through the Office of Admissions. In order for petitions for readmission or admission to be considered and accepted by the appropriate division, students must comply with the guidelines as specified by the respective academic division (or Office of Admissions if the petitioning student is a transfer student from outside the IU system).

A petition should explain any extenuating circumstances that may have hindered academic performance, and must offer a clear explanation of future schedule and study plans. Petition forms for readmission are available from the academic division where the student desires to pursue a degree.

Note: Transfer students should contact the Office of Admissions for the appropriate petition form.

A student who is reinstated must meet prescribed standards of performance during the semester for which readmission is granted. Readmission to the university does not guarantee readmission to a specific degree-granting program.

Criminal or Disciplinary Records

Indiana University requires applicants for admission who have been convicted of a felony or who have engaged in behavior that resulted in injury to a person(s) or personal property to disclose this information as a mandatory step in the application process. Transfer students must note any prior disciplinary history at other colleges or universities where they caused injury to another person(s) or property. In some cases, the university may deny admission or admit a student with conditions where a problematic criminal, behavioral, or disciplinary history is reported. The university is committed to maintaining a safe environment for all members of the university community. A student's previous conviction or conduct does not automatically bar admission to the university, but does require review. Students should note that some state professional standards prohibit the issuing of a license (registered nurses, teachers) to a convicted felon. Consequently, academic divisions may choose not to admit a student to the major because of a criminal record.

Scholarships & Financial Aid

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The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at Indiana University Kokomo provides assistance on the basis of scholastic ability and/or financial need. The student and/or his family has the primary responsibility of meeting college expenses, while the financial aid programs are designed to help students meet educational costs.

Basic sources of financial aid include:

- Scholarships and grants that do not have to be repaid.
- Employment opportunities that enable students to work and earn money.

- Loans (borrowed money) that must be repaid with interest.

To qualify for any financial aid at Indiana University Kokomo, students must:

- Receive notification of admission to Indiana University Kokomo from the Office of Admissions.

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is available from high school guidance and college financial aid offices.

- File the FAFSA by March 1. (Preference will be given to students who file by this date.)

Scholarships

Indiana University Kokomo annually awards scholarships that are funded by private donors such as local, social service, charitable organizations, business and industries, and friends and alumni of Indiana University. Recipient selection is based upon a variety of criteria, including academic performance and financial need. In order to be considered for any scholarship, students must be admitted to Indiana University Kokomo and submit the Indiana University Kokomo Scholarship application by March 1.

Federal Pell Grant

Pell Grants are awarded directly through the federal government, depending on financial need and cost of education. The federal government determines eligibility by using a standard formula to evaluate the information reported on the FAFSA.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) SEOGs are federally funded grants awarded to students on the basis of financial need and the availability of funds.

Indiana Higher Education Awards

Indiana Higher Education Awards are provided to Indiana residents by the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI) and are based on financial need. In order to be considered for the Higher Education award, the FAFSA must be filed by March 1.

Federal Work-Study Program

The work-study program allows students with financial need to earn money to help pay their educational expenses. The program encourages community service work and on-campus positions.

Child of Disabled Veteran Award

The Indiana General Assembly has provided an education benefit for children of veterans who have suffered a service-connected disability or death, or who are Purple Heart recipients. The benefit reduces the amount of tuition that state-supported institutions charge eligible students. The reduction of tuition varies by institution and can be used for a maximum of 124 credit hours.

Veterans Educational Assistance

Veterans discharged after January 31, 1955, or veterans who enlisted prior to January 1, 1977 may be eligible for Veterans Educational Assistance. All veterans and current military personnel should contact the veteran's representative in the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Federal Perkins Student Loan Program

Perkins Loans are low-interest (5 percent) loans for students with financial need. The specific amount a student may borrow depends upon financial need and the availability of funds.

Nursing Student Loan Program

Nursing Loans are low-interest (5 percent) loans designed to assist students who are pursuing a career in nursing. The amount borrowed depends upon financial need and the availability of funds.

Federal Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Student Loan Program

Stafford Loans are low-interest loans available to students enrolled at least half-time. The interest rate is variable with a cap of 8.25 percent. Under the subsidized program, there is no

interest charged until repayment begins. Under the unsubsidized program, interest will be charged beginning when the loan is disbursed.

Federal Plus Loans

PLUS Loans are for parents who want to borrow to help pay for a dependent child's education. The interest rate is variable, with a cap of 9 percent.

Loan Counseling

All students receiving loans through Indiana University Kokomo are required by law to complete a loan counseling session on-line at www.iuk.edu prior to receiving their first loan.

Veterans and Military Personnel

Veterans discharged after January 31, 1955, or veterans who enlisted prior to January 1, 1977 may be eligible for Veterans Educational Assistance. Veterans with a service-connected disability rated 10 percent or above may also be eligible for VA Vocational Rehabilitation benefits. Veterans who enlisted January 1, 1977 or later may be eligible to receive benefits under the Post-Vietnam Era Educational Assistance program if they contributed to the program while on active duty.

Dependents of a veteran whose disability or death was connected with service may be eligible for VA Dependents Educational Assistance and/or Indiana state remission of fees benefits. (See the previous section of this bulletin, "Scholarships and Financial Aid," for additional information.)

Dependents of a veteran whose permanent and total (100 percent) disability or death was non-service-connected may be eligible for monthly benefits under VA pension laws. Those eligible must be between the ages of 18 and 23.

Veterans of military service are eligible for academic credit as a result of their military training and experience. The university follows the provisions of the American Council on Education's Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services in granting credit. Copies of transcripts from the appropriate military educational representative must be submitted as a basis for granting credit. Evaluation of service credit is administered by the Office of Admissions.

All veterans and current military personnel should contact IU KOKOMO's veterans representative in the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. Other offices involved in assisting veterans and active duty personnel, such as admissions, bursar, and the registrar, are not responsible for regular certification and auditing.