

IMPORTANT:

**** Meal Plan purchases are considered "allowable charges" and Pell eligible. Therefore, if you qualify for a Pell award and anticipate a Pell refund, Meal Plans may be charged to your student account and paid with your refund when Pell is disbursed. If you choose this option, the proper authorization form must be completed by you to authorize the college to pay these charges with your Pell refund.**

Other items for students to know:

1. Meal Plans must be purchased in the college Business Office (Not in Food Services).
2. Meal Plans are only available at colleges that offer Food Services, and the plans are college specific (i.e., Dining Dollars are only redeemable at the specific college where they are purchased).
3. Lost or stolen cards should be reported to the Business Office immediately. At the college's discretion, a fee may be charged to the student to cancel and re-issue the balance of your Dining Dollars meal plan.
4. Meal Plans are non-refundable, however unused funds may carry over from the fall to the spring semester for the academic year in which they are purchased only. The academic year normally ends in mid-May each year after graduation. Any unused value at the end of the academic year will NOT carry forward to the following academic year and will be lost.

FEDERAL TRIO PROGRAMS

The TRIO programs, funded by the federal government and administered through the U.S. Department of Education, include outreach and support programs targeted to help students progress from middle school through post-secondary education.

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

This federally funded TRIO program, available at all four IECC colleges since 1993, offers tutoring, academic and career advisement, study skills enhancement, special enrichment programs, and opportunity for community involvement.

The program's goals are to provide the tools necessary to empower its participants to achieve life-long success. The program helps students to persist in college, to graduate, and to transfer to a four-year institution.

Students may be eligible by meeting one of the following criteria: 1) neither parent received a four-year college degree; 2) financially limited resources (according to federal guidelines); or 3) be an individual with a documented disability. Students must apply for acceptance and meet program requirements.

The TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) serves 190 eligible students and has maintained an impressive record of success since its inception in the District. For more information or to apply for services, call the SSS

counselors at any one of the four IECC colleges. Interested students may also go to www.iecc.edu/sss.

TRIO UPWARD BOUND

IECC's Upward Bound Program was the first TRIO Program established at IECC and has continued to provide services to eligible high school students for over 30 years.

The Upward Bound Program is a federally funded college preparatory program designed to provide academic support, personal/career counseling, and cultural enrichment to participants who have the academic ability for completion of a post-secondary degree. Our goal is to provide services to high school students with academic skills and motivation necessary for success in high school and beyond.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Upward Bound provides academic tutoring, course advisement, college/career counseling, cultural enrichment, and social development, among other services, to over 200 students from twelve high schools. All services are free to participants accepted into the program. Services may include:

- after school college preparatory sessions
- workshops
- educational and college trips
- six-week summer program on an IECC campus

Upward Bound is available to students who attend a target high school in Crawford, Edwards, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, or White county. Participants must apply and meet specific eligibility criteria.

For more information about Upward Bound, contact Olney Central College at 866-622-4322, ext. 2284, Lincoln Trail College at 866-582-4322, ext. 2284, Wabash Valley College at 866-982-4322, ext. 2284 or visit www.iecc.edu/upwardbound.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTERS

A variety of print and online course-specific resources are available at each of the four IECC colleges in the Learning Resource Centers (LRCs). Students have access to online research tools such as Credo Reference, EbscoHost Electronic Journal Service, Facts on File, and CINAHL via the Internet on campus and via Entrata off campus. The LRCs are members of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), giving IECC students free access to over 38 million items from 91 Illinois academic and special libraries.

ADULT EDUCATION

IECC's Adult Education program offers Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Adult Secondary Education (ASE) courses to assist students with reading, writing, and math skills. The program prepares students to earn the State of

Illinois High School Diploma through the GED® test. The program also provides support to students with college and career readiness classes to prepare for postsecondary education and workforce readiness. Tuition and books for the Adult Education courses are free to students through the Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Grant from the Illinois Community College Board.

PERKINS V

The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, referred to as Perkins V, represents an important opportunity for every student to explore, choose, and follow career and technical education programs of study and career pathways. They earn valuable credentials by:

- Strengthening the connections between secondary and postsecondary education;
- Restructuring the way high schools, community colleges, universities, business, and parents work together;
- Increasing state and local accountability standards.

IECC is committed to assisting students meet their CTE objectives. Perkins helps ensure that CTE students achieve academic success, and IECC has Perkins representatives at each college to assist and support the needs of these students. Contact your advisor to learn about Perkins supportive services, which include:

- Textbook loans
- Transportation assistance
- Career guidance
- Career exploration

Transition Center/Eligibility Criteria

The Transition Center, funded by the Federal Perkins grant, provides supportive services to eligible career & technical education students. A student may be considered eligible for Perkins supportive services if he/she is enrolled in a career & technical education program and meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Low-income youth or adult;
- Has a Disability;
- Preparing for a nontraditional field;
- English Learner;
- Single Parent, including pregnant woman or parenting teen;
- Out-of-workforce individual
- Experiencing Homelessness;
- Youth who is in or has aged out of the foster care system; or
- Youth with a parent who is a member of the armed forces and is on active duty.

To learn more, contact the IECC Transition Center Director at 618.393.3534 ext. 5834. The Transition Center serves students at all four college campuses.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND ATHLETICS

Each college offers a variety of clubs and organizations, including Student Senate and Phi Theta Kappa, an honorary scholastic organization which promotes student academic excellence and community service. Students may also participate in intramural sports and a broad range of music and program-related clubs.

IECC colleges offer intercollegiate athletics and are members of the National Junior College Association and the Great Rivers Athletic Conference. Teams are fielded in various men's and women's sports throughout the IECC District. For more information about specific sports, contact the Athletic Department at each individual college or visit www.iecc.edu/athletics.

WORKFORCE EDUCATION

This program provides industrial training for business and industry throughout the United States and Canada. Subject areas include blueprint reading, hydraulics, electricity, continuous quality improvement, health and safety, material handling, pt. 46 and 48 mine training, OSHA certification, Global Harmonization, and Job Safety Analysis. Many of these classes are provided at the industrial sites and are customized to meet specific business needs. Approximately 15,000 employees are trained yearly through IECC. For information contact 618-985-2828 ext. 8371 or 8372.