IU Northwest Mission

The mission of Indiana University Northwest, a regional campus of Indiana University, is to provide a high-quality and relevant education to the citizens of Northwest Indiana, the most diverse and industrialized area of the state. The institution strives to create a community dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and intellectual development, leading to undergraduate and selected graduate degrees in the liberal arts, sciences and professional disciplines. The campus is strongly dedicated to the value of education, lifelong learning, diversity, celebration of cultures and opportunity for all, as well as to participating in the sustainable economic development of the region and of the state. Indiana University Northwest is committed to the health and well-being of the communities it serves.

Vision Statement
Approved September 20, 2011

We are IU in Northwest Indiana, providing personal, affordable and life-changing education, to advance the social, economic and civic health of the region. Through our diverse working and learning environment, we help build lives and communities.

Values Statement
Approved August 16, 2011

We, the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of IU Northwest, value:

Our unique identity as Indiana University in Northwest Indiana;

Academic excellence, characterized by a love of ideas and achievement in learning, discovery, creativity, and engagement;

The complete richness and dignity of the human family in all of its diversity;

Supporting aspirations of the individual and community;

The contributions of all of our constituencies;

An environment conducive for learning, self-examination, and personal growth;

Graduates prepared for life-long learning, ethical practices, successful careers, and effective citizenship; and

Collaboration with other educational institutions, external partners, and the Northwest Indiana community.
IU Northwest Strategic Priorities
Approved June 14, 2011

The IU Northwest Strategic Priorities are a commitment to the personal and intellectual growth of our students and community. Based on the premise that growth is good, instrumental, and necessary, we develop educational and cultural opportunities for an ever-increasing number of residents of diverse Northwest Indiana to improve their personal and collective lives. Through growth, we can continue to improve our academic programs to advance student success. Through growth, we can enhance the many modes of scholarly activity that enrich our students with impact on the region, the nation and the world. Finally, through growth, we will create the financial foundations that support access to IU academic excellence in our region.

Student success is our primary mission. Meeting student objectives in learning, offering the best pedagogical practices, instituting efforts to improve collaborative learning opportunities, merging the best technological advances in the conduct of our learning, and other innovative initiatives and partnerships lead us to a premier academic experience and outcome for our demographically diverse student population.

Academic excellence is at the heart of curriculum content and disciplinary scholarship that create the high-quality Indiana University educational experience. Expectations in both student and faculty scholarship are paramount in advancing student success, enhancing experiential learning in research and creative activity, and building a thorough foundation to enable lifelong learning. Building a strong, diverse faculty reinforces good stewardship of our resources and best serves the needs of our students and communities.

Community engagement is the hallmark of our commitment to advancing educational opportunities while addressing regional priorities. The scholarship of faculty and student engagement results in a stronger economic and cultural impact in our region while simultaneously strengthening experiential learning. Our collaborative engagement with Northwest Indiana communities supports sustainable progress, addressing greater opportunities for diversity in our students and workforce, and providing a valuable context for the complete student. Our student, faculty, and staff commitments go beyond their institutional roles to an active engagement with external organizations and groups.

Outstanding Institutional infrastructure and support are essential elements for achieving success and excellence. Student learning experiences and faculty scholarship rely on infrastructure that facilitates success. The availability of support resources and accomplished staff furthers student learning, improves engagement, and optimizes the opportunity for substantive scholarship.

Campus human resources and administrative functions are the facilitators of transformational success. Best practices that strategically focus our resources and efforts are critical objectives for all units. A culture of continuous improvement and investment in the continuing professional growth of all employees bring about significant transformations in how we accomplish our work and thrive intellectually as a diverse community of students, faculty and staff.

Funding our future builds self-reliance and success. Academic excellence requires inventive approaches to funding initiatives and pioneering programs. The resources developed through improved student success further enhance a trajectory and culture of continuous improvement. Expanding new revenue streams is central to achieving success in our mission, including collaborative relationships with regional high schools and higher education institutions. Students, faculty, and staff work together in developing new financial opportunities.

Overarching Goal:
A sustained degree productivity of 750 Degrees with continuing student census of 6000 by AY 2015-16

Expected characteristics of the graduating cohort include:
• 80% undergraduate degrees and 20% graduate degrees
• Our Graduating Student profile increasingly resembles our continuing student demographics
• Reduction in time to degree completion across all programs