

THE PURSUIT INSTITUTE



WHAT IS THE PURSUIT INSTITUTE?

The Pursuit Institute, which was launched in June 2021 as the Hamilton County Center for Career Achievement, was designated as an independent Career and Technical Education (CTE) district recognized by the State of Indiana in October 2022. This designation allows The Pursuit Institute and the public school districts it serves to receive more than \$500,000 annually in federal Perkins funding. Since that time, The Pursuit Institute has been developing systems, launching programs and engaging students in career and technical education and exploration.

The Core Values of The Pursuit Institute

- Keep students as close to home as possible
- Increase revenue for school districts through CTE, Perkins & Local Tax Base participation
- Expand and centralize employer engagement
- Coordinate grant & philanthropic investments to maximize impact

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PROGRAMS & EXPANDED BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

The collaboration between education and industry that is taking place in Hamilton County is unique. This innovative approach is the catalyst for developing state of the art programming and educational opportunities. These opportunities are afforded to thousands of students within the county, ensuring equitable access to education, regardless of where students reside.

TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT



The Teacher Apprenticeship program is an innovative approach to teacher preparation that offers aspiring educators hands-on experience in real classrooms. Students, or apprentices, are carefully selected and paired with experienced mentor teachers who guide and support them throughout the program. The apprentices gradually assume more teaching responsibilities, gaining practical experience alongside their coursework.

In the 2023-24 school year, eight students are engaging in this first in the nation education apprenticeship program.



THE ROLE OF THE PURSUIT INSTITUTE

CTE APPEALS

Providing documentation to the state referencing why a pathway or program should be funded at a higher level based on local economic and workforce data.

- Appealed 10 different pathways
- 100+ letters of industry support
- 2 pathways approved
- \$115,386 MORE brought to districts as a result
- First appeals in the history of Hamilton County Schools

30A MANAGEMENT

State CTE reimbursement form. Guiding and supporting all districts to ensure that courses are outlined for maximum funding to be received.

- Spent 180+ hrs. with districts
- Supported all districts with updating NLPs
- \$9,547,573 kept in districts

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Investing in the public/private partnership between education and industry to create pathways and opportunities for students.

- 50+ local and statewide recognition pieces
- Local, state, national and international spotlight
- Manage 35+ partnerships for student placement
- Manage 20+ partnerships for academic instruction

PERKINS GUIDANCE

Federal Perkins Funds can be used to expand a multitude of areas in Career and Technical Education. The Pursuit Institute provides assistance and recommendations for thoughtful grant investments.

- Applied for and received \$509,387 in Perkins Funding
- Spent 70+ hours with districts
- Developed and implemented system for acquiring funds at district level

LICENSING

CTE Licensure with the State on behalf of all school districts. Ensuring that accurate licensure is documented, to procure funding, dual credits, credentials and meet IDOE standards.

- Manage 30+ workplace specialists in schools
- Ensure licensure requirements met
- Maximize CTE reimbursement
- NLPs Compliant
- Manage mentorship opportunities

FUNDRAISING AND GRANTS

- Awarded \$3.2M+ in Grants: Local | State | National
- 86% of all Grant Dollars for Programming



COMMUNITY PARTNERS HELPING US FULFILL OUR MISSION INCLUDE

All Heart Nurse's Aide Training	KLR Medical Certification Training School
Ball State University Teachers College	Lionfish Cyber Security
Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville	Prestige Beauty School
Center for Sight	Reynolds Farm Equipment
Chariot Automotive Services	Riverview Health
Conner Prairie	Westfield Steel
Freestyle Academy for Hair	



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NEW PROGRAMS LAUNCHING IN THE 2025-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Aviation Management with LIFT Academy/Republic Airways

Construction Trades with Performance Contracting, Inc and IKORCC - Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters

Veterinary Science with KLR Medical Certification Training School

Early Childhood with Ivy Tech

Marine Services with Mid-Indiana Marine

Precision Agriculture with Becks Hybrids

