

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS/GET THERE NOW!

What is Campus Connections/Get There Now!?

Campus Connections/*Get There Now!* are the programs that connect high-achieving students with academic college-level courses, providing concurrent high school credit. These dual credit courses help students move toward college degrees. For students planning ahead, they can take courses throughout their Junior and Senior years of high school to have the first year of college under their belt before even graduating high school. The Campus Connections/*Get There Now!* venture is a collaborative partnership with Indiana Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW), Ivy Tech Community College and Indiana Tech, managed through Four County Area Vocational Cooperative. Classes are held at the FCAVC main campus-1607 E. Dowling St., Kendallville-and are coordinated along with the AM and PM Vocational schedules. Students taking advantage of the college courses are able to hitch a ride if their school provides transportation to our regular Vocational programs.

AP or Campus Connections/Get There Now! Courses?

Indiana High School 2010 standards require students to take two or more AP OR college courses to complete an Honors Diploma. Indiana has established the Core Transfer Library of courses that are guaranteed to transfer from college to college. All *Get There Now!* courses are on the Core Transfer Library and upon completion will appear on a high school transcript and an official University transcript.

To learn more about the Core Transfer Library visit <http://www.transferin.net/CTL/>

If a student is a great tester, and prefers to spend their day taking AP courses at school, taking the chance on an AP test might be the right choice. If students prefer a collegiate atmosphere, with fewer distractions from learning and a grade based on performance throughout the whole semester, *Get There Now!* courses would be a great choice.

Is Campus Connections/Get There Now! New?

Students nationwide are taking courses for concurrent high school and college credit, Indiana is just a bit behind the leaders. *Get There Now!* is a new program in our area, but part of a national movement to provide bright high school students with academic challenges they are ready to tackle in supportive environments, enhancing college success. Long-term studies have shown students taking these courses are more likely to be high achievers in college and to complete their college degree.

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Who are Get There Now! Teachers?

Get There Now! instructors meet requirements of the University and are certified by University partners to teach the course just as it would be taught on campus. Many are likely also licensed high school teachers. The instructors work closely with the partner University to stay informed of trends in the academic discipline they teach. *Get There Now!* courses use a college approved textbook and syllabus and are a perfect way to begin a successful transition into college.

What are the Costs of Get There Now! Course and are there any Savings?

Universities partnering with FC AVC have agreed to significantly reduce the cost of tuition for all *Get There Now!* courses. While an on-campus section of a 3 credit hour course might cost upwards of \$700, the very same educational content in a *Get There Now!* course costs about \$250. Students with free or reduced lunch status may have additional scholarship opportunities. Students taking *Get There Now!* courses throughout their Junior and Senior years can save anywhere from \$10,000 to \$30,000!

How do I Get There Now!?

FC AVC works with students, families, high school guidance counselor and University partners to take care of admission and processes. Details can be obtained through Leslie Raymer, Campus Connections/*Get There Now!* Coordinator at 260-349-0250 ext. 266, via email at lrayer@fcavc.org or visit the official Get There Now! website: www.GetThereNow.info. Students must also meet a few criteria before applying:

1. Student must be academically eligible: 3.0 GPA or better Sophomore or Junior may apply for their Junior or Senior years.
2. Must have passed 10th Grade ISTEP/GQE
3. Must have satisfactory SAT or ACT Scores OR Completion of University placement exams BEFORE class begins. The Campus Connections/*Get There Now!* coordinator is available to help assist in arranging any testing needed.

Courses fulfill both high school and college requirements, giving students a head start for college. Students are considered a regular University student and therefore have access to the library, online resources, tutoring center and on-campus student activities.