

Gainful Employment Disclosures for the Exceptional Learners Program

Context

In regulations published October 29, 2010, the United States Department of Education specified information that must be made available to anyone considering enrollment in an academic program designed to prepare students for particular employment, so called “gainful employment” programs (<http://ifap.ed.gov/GainfulEmploymentInfo/index.html>). The following disclosures are those required by the federal regulations.

Program Identification

The Indiana Wesleyan University Exceptional Learners program is a non-degree program designed to prepare students to seek licensure to teach students with special needs in the state of Indiana - it therefore qualifies as a gainful employment program. The following link provides a summary report for this occupation (<http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/25-3099.00>).

The Exceptional Learners program was classified by the following codes.

Classification Item	Code Value
OPE ID (Office of Post Elementary Education Identifier)	00182200 (IWU)
CIP (Classification of Instructional Programs)	13.1099 (Special Education and Teaching, Other)
Credential Level	04 (post-baccalaureate certificate)
O*NET SOC (Occupational Network Standard Occupational Classification)	25-3900.00 (Teachers and Instructors, All Other)

Due to changes in state regulations, the Exceptional Learners program is being replaced by certificates derived from within the Master of Education degree program.

Program Costs

The Exceptional Learners program includes 25 credit hours and nominally takes 24 months to complete. The costs of the program for students enrolling in the 2011-12 fiscal year were:

Item	Cost
Tuition	\$ 10,250.00
Books and supplies	1,363.59
Educational Resources Fee	205.00
Room & Board	0.00
Total Program Cost	11,818.59

On-time Completion Rate

Between July of 2011 and June of 2012, 42 students completed the Exceptional Learners program. Of the 42, 34 completed the program on-time, yielding an on-time completion rate of 81%.

Median Incurred Debt

The median debt incurred during the financial aid years covering program enrollment for the 42 program completers listed above is \$12,312, as detailed in the following table.

Type of Debt	Median Student Debt
Federal Title IV Loans	\$ 12,312
Private Educational Loans	\$ 0
Institutional Finance Plans	\$ 0
Total Student Debt	\$ 12,312

Job Placement Rates

Because the Exceptional Learners program prepares students to pursue a state teacher’s license but does not include the state license itself, Indiana Wesleyan University cannot place graduates in teaching positions and cannot calculate a comprehensive placement rate for the program. Neither the Higher Learning Commission nor the state of Indiana require Indiana Wesleyan University to calculate placement rates – accordingly, the federal regulations do not currently require placement rate disclosure.

The Department of Education has promised to establish a formula for calculating placements rates for programs such as this one. Once the federal formula has been established, Indiana Wesleyan University will report placement rates by the federal formula.