# Purdue Polytechnic Institute

# Overview

The Purdue Polytechnic Institute is one of 10 academic colleges at Purdue University, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in a wide range of disciplines: aviation, computing, construction management, engineering technology, technology leadership, and technology education. In addition to Purdue University’s main campus in West Lafayette, Indiana, Purdue Polytechnic offers select degree programs in nine Indiana communities.

The academic programs combine theory-based applied learning, team-based projects, integrated humanities studies, competency-based credentialing, and a series of experiential components such as industry-sponsored senior capstone projects, internships, global immersions, and certification-earning activities. The [Polytechnic learning experience](https://polytechnic.purdue.edu/about/polytechnic-learning-environment) is designed to produce graduates who not only have deep technical knowledge and applied skills in their chosen discipline, but also possess problem-solving, critical thinking, communications, and leadership skills sought by industries and communities.

Through the vision of Purdue University, the Purdue Polytechnic Institute, and the City of Indianapolis, the first Purdue Polytechnic High School will open in August, 2017, in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana, with the mission to offer the best and most beneficial educational experience for students who want to pursue high-tech and STEM-related careers.

Whether delivering a transformed learning experience to produce industry-ready graduates who have the skills for today’s economy or conducting use-inspired research to advance the evolution of technology and solve real-world challenges, the Purdue Polytechnic Institute aims to be a global leader.

Purdue Polytechnic was founded in 1964 as Purdue University’s School of Technology. It was renamed College of Technology in 2005, and in 2015, the Board of Trustees approved its current name in support of the college’s [transformation](https://polytechnic.purdue.edu/transformation) and as part of President Mitch Daniels’ [*Purdue Moves*](http://www.purdue.edu/purduemoves/) initiative.

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