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Elevate: Illinois Tech's career-readiness pathway

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The executed Terms and Conditions state: “If a student successfully completes all Elevate requirements, and an employment or graduate school offer is not achieved within six months of graduation, subject to additional factors as determined by Illinois Tech, the student may be eligible to enroll tuition-free in select graduate-level courses at Illinois Tech, up to a maximum of 9 credit hours, or by participating cost-free in relevant up-skilling programs or digital apprenticeships at Illinois Tech for the duration of one academic term.”

Revised pilot — Pilot 2.0 — aligning with the new academic structure as of Fall 2026, still being learned.

90[1]
badges awardable in 312 · as of 2026-10-14

33[2]
badges created for 2027 · as of 2026-10-14

8[3]
frameworks mapped, 4[3] of them core · as of 2026-10-14

Pilot uptake

Pilot totals to be added

The chain

Each band holds records of one kind; solid arrows are stored links, dashed arrows are derived.



direct: a link stored in the data

derived: computed from stored links; the path is shown with it

The chain as a table

Bands, entity counts and placeholder share. The same data the diagram draws.

Band	Entities	Placeholder
Frameworks	8[4]	0[5] of 8[4]
Competencies	56[4]	0[5] of 56[4]
Requirements	58[4]	0[5] of 58[4]
Activities	104[4]	0[5] of 104[4]
Touchpoints	10[4]	0[5] of 10[4]
Evidence	12[4]	0[5] of 12[4]
Badges and records	221[6]	0[7] of 221[6]
Outcomes	4[4]	0[5] of 4[4]
Labor-market signal	0[6]	0[7] of 0[6]
Systems	11[8]	0[9] of 11[8]
Other	409[6]	6[7] of 409[6]

Wide tables scroll sideways inside their frame.

Links between bands

Every band-to-band link: direct links are stored; derived ones are computed and carry their path.

From	To	Direct or derived	Relations	Entities involved
activities	evidence	direct	produces	112[10]
activities	systems	direct	held-in	107[10]
badges-and-records	competencies	direct	aligns-to	92[11]
badges-and-records	frameworks	direct	aligns-to	80[11]
badges-and-records	other	direct	cites	2[10]
badges-and-records	systems	direct	held-in	159[11]
competencies	outcomes	direct	intends	9[10]
evidence	badges-and-records	direct	supports	11[11]
frameworks	competencies	direct	contains	64[10]
frameworks	other	direct	cites	19[10]
other	activities	direct	underpins, verifies	24[10]
other	badges-and-records	direct	evidenced-by	3[10]
other	competencies	direct	anchored-in	15[10]
other	evidence	direct	evidenced-by, underpins	7[10]
other	frameworks	direct	underpins	4[10]
other	outcomes	direct	evidenced-by	5[12]
other	systems	direct	evidenced-by, held-in	149[10]
outcomes	systems	direct	measured-by	4[12]
requirements	activities	direct	fulfilled-by	118[10]
requirements	evidence	direct	fulfilled-by	50[10]
requirements	systems	direct	held-in	59[10]
requirements	touchpoints	direct	involves	20[10]
touchpoints	evidence	direct	produces	11[10]
touchpoints	systems	direct	held-in	11[10]
activities	badges-and-records	derived	activity-record	110[11]

Frameworks The published frameworks employers and educators already use to describe readiness, with O*NET and the Bureau of Labor Statistics' wage and projection data as the labor-market layer.

Competencies The named skills inside those frameworks that Elevate says it develops.

Requirements What the executed checklist asks a student to complete each year.

Activities The experiences, workshops and courses that meet a requirement.

Touchpoints The scheduled moments where a coach or office meets the student on the pathway.

Evidence What a student submits to show the work was done: forms, reflections, records.

Badges and records The badges 312 awards and the records that hold a student's progress.

Outcomes	What Elevate intends a completer to leave with, stated conditionally.
Labor-market signal	Occupations and published wage figures the competencies point toward.
Systems	The platforms that store each step, from 312 to Banner.

Dig deeper in five steps

Step 1

See what Elevate maps to

Each framework walked through: who publishes it and what it names.

56[13] dimensions

The mapping frameworks

Step 2

Read the badge catalogue

Every badge with its family, status and what it certifies.

90[1] badges awardable

Catalogue

Step 3

Check a badge against the frameworks

The Badge Matrix: the source crosswalk, badge by framework.

8[3] mapping frameworks

Badge Matrix

Step 4

Follow the pathway

What a student completes, year by year, and what shows it was done.

58[14] checklist items

Student pathway

Step 5

Trace any figure to its source

Every number is cited; the references and the open items are listed.

105[15] references

References

The eleven sections

Overview

What Elevate is, how this site is read, and what the owner still owes.

Frameworks

The published frameworks Elevate maps to, the sources that ground the design, and the signals it watches.

8[3] mapping frameworks · 56[13] dimensions · 10[16] theories

Badges & Tracks

How the families, tracks and tiers work, the full catalogue, and the matrix of every badge against every framework.

90[1] badges awardable · 33[2] created for 2027 · 33[17] Elevate Workshop badges · 62[18] proposed

Activities & Pathway

What students do each year, what is required and what is elective, the hours, and how the checklists changed.

104[19] activities · 58[14] checklist items · 7[14] pathways

Verification

How a skill is shown to have been demonstrated: the four methods, the rubric, every form, and what 312 records.

12[20] evidence types · 144[21] forms

Cross-analysis

Any two or more of frameworks, badges, activities, skills, forms and institutions as a matrix; the gaps; the audit.

Accreditation

Where Illinois Tech is in the HLC cycle, what the argument says about Elevate, the evidence and its limits.

42[22] accreditation records

Peers & Structure

The institutions Elevate learns from, where it sits in the three-college structure, the employer view and the systems.

35[23] peer institutions · 11[24] systems

Roadmap

The verifiable skills record and the skills transcript, stage by stage; nothing on it is in force.

Data & References

Every source in APA 7, the register of contradictions, open items, and the provenance of every number.

105[15] references · 39[25] register entries · 6[26] placeholders

Analytics

Checklist completion numbers as of October 2026, with a presentation version for sharing.

Data as of 2026-10-14, dataset version 1.1.0; baseline: May 2026 executive dashboard (v6.0, 14 May 2026). 6[26] placeholders outstanding — status and placeholders.

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