



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

4,577

4,577 incarcerated individuals participated in education programming in FY22

222

222 GED® certificates were earned in FY22

158

158 high school diplomas awarded in FY22

461

461 workforce/technical associate degrees and certificates awarded in FY22

FAST FACTS

- On average, inmates who participate in correction education programs have **43 percent lower odds of returning to prison** than inmates who do not, according to a 2014 study by the RAND Corporation.
- **For every dollar invested in education, up to \$19.80 is saved** from reduced recidivism, according to the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (2018).

About

The Department of Corrections contracts with the State Board of Community & Technical Colleges to provide adult basic education and workforce/technical associate degrees and certificates at each of the state's 12 adult prisons. DOC also partners with providers who deliver credit-bearing programs and enrichment courses. Most incarcerated individuals entering the prison system lack the education to find work and succeed in society. The average Washington offender scores at an eighth-grade level or lower in basic literacy skills, such as reading and math. In addition to the contract with SBCTC, the Department also has partnerships with other colleges and non-profit organizations to bring quality education inside our prisons.

- Referrals are prioritized based on risk level, individual needs, expected release date, and availability of program resources.
- If employment is identified as high-need or high-risk, an educational course that leads to employment is established as a priority.
- Individuals may be required to participate in a combination of work, education, and vocational programs. Educational program participation will always be addressed as a priority.

Programs offered

Every prison offers adult basic education programs, which provide foundational education to obtain a high school equivalency. Reentry Life Skills programming is also provided prior to release. Workforce/technical associate degree and certificate programs offered through our college providers include:

Accounting & Bookkeeping | Automotive Mechanics Technology | Autobody Collision and Repair | Baking and Pastry Arts | Business Administration and Management | Carpentry | Computer Numerical Controlled Manufacturing (CNC) | Computer Programming/Web Development | Cosmetology | Diesel Mechanics | Digital Media: Web and Multimedia | Drywall, Roofing, and Siding | Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management | Horticulture | Human Services | HVAC Technology | Machinist/CNC Technology | Pre-Apprenticeships in Construction Trades | Technical Design and Computer-Aided Design (CAD) Drafting and Design | Welding

Additionally, private and federal grant partners also offer Associate in Arts Transfer Degree programs and Baccalaureate degrees.

College and Prison Partnerships

Airway Heights Corrections Center

Spokane Community College

Cedar Creek Corrections Center

Centralia College

Clallam Bay Corrections Center

Peninsula College

Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Walla Walla Community College

Larch Corrections Center

Clark College

Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women

Tacoma Community College

Monroe Correctional Complex

Edmonds College

Olympic Corrections Center

Peninsula College

Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Grays Harbor College

Washington Corrections Center

Centralia College

Washington Corrections Center for Women

Clover Park Technical College

Tacoma Community College

University of Puget Sound

Washington State Penitentiary

Walla Walla Community College

Private Prison Program Partnerships:

Black Prisoners Caucus-TEACH

Freedom Education Puget Sound

Sustainability in Prisons Project

Community Education Partnerships:

Bates Technical College

Columbia Basin College

Olympic College

Renton Technical College

Seattle Central College

Skagit Valley College

South Seattle College

The Evergreen State College

Yakima Valley College

Washington is a national leader in delivering quality educational programming to a significant proportion of the Department of Corrections incarcerated population. DOC aims to provide basic academic skills, vocational training, and workforce education programs designed to meet the individual's needs and enhance pathways for post-release employment and/or education.

Through a long and vibrant partnership between DOC, SBCTC, Washington's community and technical colleges, and private partnerships, Washington has built an educational system that provides opportunities for incarcerated adults to earn a high school equivalency, and learn high-wage and high-demand workforce skills, and earn college degrees.

Through the SBCTC contract, incarcerated individuals are provided education and employment reentry support through a state-wide network of prison- and community-based education reentry navigators.

The Department focuses on providing vocational programs that are labor market-driven, developing skills needed for facility and Correctional Industries jobs, and are accepted by community-based training programs to allow the individual to transfer and complete programs upon release, if necessary. The department will also offer postsecondary education opportunities designed to prepare for entry into the workforce.



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