



## COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

# Second Chances through Education

*Community college programs prepare incarcerated citizens for successful reentry*

Iowa’s community colleges partner with the Iowa Department of Corrections to provide inmates with education, training and skills to help them successfully reenter our communities and build productive lives. Supporting second chances and successful reentry prepares individuals for life and employment, which reduces recidivism.\*

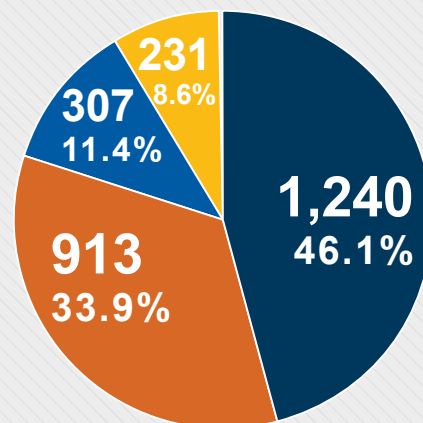
Iowa’s community colleges support Governor Reynolds’ 2020 vision to increase high school equivalency completion and create educational pathways for reentering individuals. This work is in line with the state’s Future Ready Iowa goal for 70 percent of Iowans in the workforce to have education or training beyond high school by the year 2025.

## Community College Programs in Corrections

Community college programs offered to corrections inmates include:

1. Adult basic education and developmental and remedial programs to prepare students for further training and postsecondary education.
2. High school equivalency diploma program leading to the completion of the HiSET®, the state-approved high school equivalency test.
3. Credit and noncredit career and technical education (CTE) instruction and training leading to industry credentials and skills needed to secure and maintain employment in high-demand fields.
4. College credit transfer programs that provide pathways for individuals to continue postsecondary education after release.
5. Programs to assist with job-seeking skills.

Number of Inmates Enrolled by Program Type: Program Year 18-19



■ Noncredit CTE Programs    ■ Developmental/Remedial Programs  
■ High School Equivalency Program    ■ Credit Programs

Note: Inmates can be enrolled in multiple programs

\* Davis, L.M., Bozick, R., Steele, J.L., Saunders, J., and Miles, J.N.V. (2013). *Evaluating the Effectiveness of Correctional Education: A Meta-Analysis of Programs that Provide Education to Incarcerated Adults*. Santa Monica, Calif.: RAND Corporation, RR-266-BJA, 2013. Retrieved from [https://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_reports/RR266.html](https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR266.html)

## High School Equivalency Completion

A total of 1,673 inmates in Iowa's correctional facilities participated in adult education and literacy programs offered by Iowa's community colleges during the 2018-2019 program year (PY18-19). Of those, 44.1 percent demonstrated a measurable skills gain and 16.6 percent earned a high school equivalency diploma by passing the state-approved HiSET® exam.

Measurable skills gain (MSG), as defined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), includes the documented academic, technical, occupational or other forms of progress toward the credential or employment.

[20 CFR Part 677 and 34 CFR Part 361]



## Employment and Life Skills Programs

**All inmates receive job-seeking assistance, which includes:**

- Resumé writing
- Mock interviews
- Financial management
- Connecting to further education
- Childcare



## Credit and Noncredit Programs

During program PY18-19, a total of 438 inmates in Iowa's correctional facilities enrolled in CTE programs and 231 enrolled in credit-bearing programs for college transfer through Iowa's community colleges.

Programs offered include:

- Occupational Safety
- Allied Health and Medical Assisting/Services
- Transportation/Materials Moving
- Culinary Arts
- Machine Tool Technology
- Welding Technology
- Mechanical Technologies
- Industrial Technology.



## Successful Reentry Benefits the State

**# incarcerated in Iowa:†** 8,438

**Average # of offenders released from state prison each month:‡** 535

**# of inmates with less than a high school education:†** 1,571

**FY19 recidivism rate:†** 38.8%

**Potential savings to the state:**

Taxpayers save \$5 for every \$1 spent on prison education.\*

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† Iowa Department of Corrections. (2019, December 31). *Quick Facts*. Retrieved from <https://doc.iowa.gov/data/quick-facts>.

‡ State of Iowa Data Portal. *Number of Offenders Released from Iowa Prisons*. Retrieved from <https://data.iowa.gov/Correctional-System/Number-of-Offenders-Released-from-Iowa-Prisons/3gac-twiv>



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