



Fact Sheet

EDUCATION

The Minnesota Correctional Education Center (MCEC) is the organizational structure for teaching and learning in the Department of Corrections.

By the Numbers

- 2,400 offenders are enrolled in education on any given day
- Approximately 73% of offenders have a GED or high school diploma
- 613 career technical certificates were awarded in FY15
- The Minnesota Correctional Education Center continues to rank as the second largest ABE consortium in the state, with students receiving about 1 million hours of instruction each year.

DOC Ranks No. 1 Nationally in GED Passing Rate

The Minnesota DOC ranks No. 1 in the nation among all state DOC's in GED passing rate, with a rate of 93 percent, according to the GED Testing Service. The percentage reflects all students who have attempted all four sub-tests that make up the GED2014 test. The Minnesota DOC Education Unit's mission is to prepare all offenders for college and/or career, and the Unit has been commended by the GED Testing Service for its strict criteria used to determine eligibility for offenders to take the GED test.

Adult Diploma Program

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) has praised DOC staff for their noteworthy and innovative work on the new statewide competency-based adult diploma program (ADP). The adult diploma program launched as a statewide pilot in the spring of 2015, and requires students to authentically demonstrate 22 competencies in math, language arts, social studies, science, employability and career awareness, and digital literacy through a variety of project and assessment options.

Industry Recognized Certifications

MCEC career technical programs award industry recognized certifications upon completion and passing of industry exams, and are certified by Century College. The American Welding Society certifies the Welding program. The Manufacturing Skills Standards Council certifies the Machine Tool Technology program. The National Institute for Metalworking Skills certifies the Metal Forming program. The National Center for Construction Education and Research certifies the Carpentry, Cabinet Making, Dry Wall and Painting/Decorating programs. The C Tech organization certifies the C Tech Network Cabling program. In addition, the Minnesota Board of Cosmetologist Examiners, and the Minnesota Barber Board awards licenses to graduates from the Barber and Cosmetology programs.

Career and Employability Skills

Career technical program advisory committees have stated the need for "soft skills" training for offender students, in addition to their skill of trade. Career and Employability Skills training has been added to all career technical programs to prepare students to be better employees and successfully transition into the workforce. Students also develop and improve skills in career training, and college readiness.

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Minnesota Correctional Education Center Adult Education Programming

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General Education	FRB	LL	ML	OPH	RC	SCL	SHK	STW	WR	Togo
Adult Diploma Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Art Program		X		X		X		X		
Career & Employability Skills	X	X	X		X		X	X		
English Language Learners Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
GED Diploma Testing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Library and Law Library	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Literacy/ABE Classes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parenting and Family Skills Classes	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X
Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Special Education Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Title One Services		X								
Post-Secondary	FRB	LL	ML	OPH	RC	SCL	SHK	STW	WR	Togo
AA Degree On-site Courses	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Career/Technical	FRB	LL	ML	OPH	RC	SCL	SHK	STW	WR	Togo
Barbering License Preparation			X			X				
Business Management	X									
Cabinetmaking	X							X		
Carpentry	X		X							
Computer Careers	X	X	X	X	X			X		
Computer Network Cabling		X								
Cosmetology License Preparation							X			
Drywall Installation	X									
Floor Covering	X									
Heavy Equipment Operator	X						X			
Masonry						X				
Mechanical Design and Drafting	X									
Metal Forming								X		
Office Support							X			
Painting & Decorating					X					
Welding								X		

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