Inmate Education

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAMS

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Inmate Education

- Opportunities
  - Folsom Lake College
    - Senate Bill 1391
- Existing Partnership
  - Cosumnes River College
    - Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center
Senate Bill No.1391
by Senator Loni Hancock

☐ Creates an interagency agreement
  ▪ California Community College Chancellor’s Office and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations (CDCR)
  ▪ Reduction of recidivism

☐ Waives open course requirement for community college courses offered in State Correctional facilities
  ▪ Allows full funding for course instruction offered on-site in state prisons
  ▪ Increases educational and workforce training opportunities for prison inmates
  ▪ Leads to degrees or certificates or allows for transfer to four year universities

☐ Request for Approval by CCCC0
  ▪ Four Pilot Sites
Folsom Lake College

Folsom Women’s Facility

Student Population:
- Reentry Programming

Existing Programs:
- Adult Basic Education
- General Education Diploma
- Computer Skills
- Career Technical Education:
- Community College Correspondence
Fall 2014 Opportunities

- **HCD 310: College Success**
  - Foundational course includes study skills, memory development, communication skills, and career planning

- **ENGLB 71: Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum**
  - Focus on college level reading and writing skill building

- **Assessment of Student Needs**
  - Sequence of business offering that lead to certificate completion
Folsom Lake College

Mule Creek State Prison
Men’s Facility, Ione, CA

Student Population:
- Reentry Former Gang Members

Existing Programs:
- Adult Basic Education
- General Education Diploma
- Vocational: Welding, Refrigeration, Electronics
- Community College Correspondence

Student needs TBD based on facility tour
Cosumnes River College began its collaboration with Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center (RCCC) in September 2011, calling it the “Points of Entry Cohort” this is a correctional facility not a State Prison.

Cosumnes River College is also in partnership with:

- Sacramento Employment & Training Agency (SETA)
- Sacramento Sheriff’s Department
- Elk Grove Adult & Continuing Education (EGACE)

College Services provided include:

- Course articulation
- Outreach services
- Participation on advisory council
Pathways for Students Enrolled in “Points of Entry” Cohort

Inmate Services Provided by the Facility

- GED classes

- Educational assessment and interviews of inmates to determine eligibility in the program (e.g., goals assessment, IEA development, contracts and consent forms)

- Case Management

- CTE – Training including 3.5 units course of study (Landscaping - HORT 300 and HORT 301), 3.0 units (Welding 100) 2.0 units (Welding 290- Project)
Referral to Post Secondary Education

- Students completing articulated courses with an A or B earn college credits.

- Inmates (students) referred directly to community college for application and enrollment services.

- Possible Financial Aid and Board of Governors (BOG) waiver to cover tuition costs

- College students receive free public transit (Bus & Light Rail)
Challenges

- No internet access available in correctional facility
- Professional development of staff
- Lack of tracking once released
- Other support services needed by released inmates (e.g., mental health counseling, Salvation Army shelter, Transitional Living Shelter for permanent housing, Jackie’s Care Cooperative Living, CalFresh for food stamps)
- Recidivism of program participants
- Additional requirements of state prison system of our employees
Questions