### Student Educational Programs 2019

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Our Vision

The Ohio Central School System (OCSS) is a school district operating within the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC). The purpose of the school system, as described in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 5145.06, is to “provide educational programs for prisoners to allow them to complete adult education courses, earn Ohio certificates of high school equivalence, or pursue vocational training.” OCSS has developed a vision, mission, and philosophy that coincides with this legislation and charter.

Vision Statement

It is the vision of the Ohio Central School System that all incarcerated persons of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction will be provided the necessary academic, job training, and social/emotional skills required for successful reentry into society as effective, participating, and productive citizens.

Mark Kefalos,
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As a twenty-year correctional educator, I continue to push the limits of the traditional correctional classroom boundaries. My focus is to create an atmosphere that removes my students from a correctional setting into a true learning environment. With an emphasis on teaching students to “want to learn”, I introduced many different and innovative exercises as learning experiences. My teaching is designed to incorporate a differentiated approach through a cooperative student/teacher style. I first presented traditional high school reading unit plans such as “Of Mice and Men,” “The Lottery,” and “Tuesdays With Morrie,” then acquired weekly subscriptions to the USA Today newspaper for reading comprehension, current events, character education, and reading for information. I also conducted a moot court giving the students an issue to research which culminated in a mock supreme court trial. The trial involved students making oral arguments in front of a panel of seven judges which consisted of tutors, educational staff and DRC administrative officials. My tutors produced an educational games program which was eventually distributed to all Computer Aided Instructional Labs in the department. I have advocated for educational games/tools to create a non-correctional environment. I work with other staff members throughout the institution to make the educational process truly inclusive. I still approach every day as a new opportunity to impact the correctional education setting.

My educational background includes a MS. Education from Marygrove College, and a BS. in Education from Ohio University. I am currently working on becoming highly qualified in all subject areas.
advanced Job training (College)

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) has had partnerships with Ohio Colleges and Universities for decades. In 2016, the United States Department of Education (USDOE) sent out a solicitation for a pilot program where Pell Grants would be allowed for offenders incarcerated in adult institutions.

Ashland University received approval to participate in the Pell Experimental Sites Initiative (ESI) for students in Ohio. Pell ESI was initiated in six adult correctional institutions.

During this administration, the participating Advanced Job Training (AJT) programs will provide students with the opportunity to earn up to a bachelor’s degree in a variety of career fields. The design of the program will include the opportunity for the student to earn stackable career certifications as well as the degree itself.

Fiscal year 2019

| College Students | 4325 |
| Career Certifications | 2811 |

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A few new college game changers demonstrate we are:

- Removing the glass ceiling by allowing those attending to earn degrees.
- Removing length of stay as an eligibility criteria. We believe in training the offender to help themselves, help each other, help their families and when they return home to help the community.

According to a report released by the Correctional Education Association citing the US Department of Education’s National Recidivism Study, Ohio’s releases had the lowest rate among the states involved in the study*. The recidivism rates were 17% for incarcerated persons participating in college programs, 24% for incarcerated persons participating in any educational programming as compared to the 32% of the control group who elected not to participate in educational programming.

College Programming

The Ohio Central School System (OCSS) provides advanced employment skills training to offenders that hold a high school diploma, adult diploma or equivalent through Advanced Job Training (AJT) coursework. The Ohio Penal Education Consortium (OPEC) formed in 1975 as an association of colleges in Ohio partnering with OCSS to provide post-secondary education:

- Ashland University (AU) offering Associate of Arts degree in General Studies with a concentration in Business, a Bachelor of Arts in Communications Studies with a minor in Business Administration, Business management, Religion or Sociology

- Marion Technical College (MTC) offering Associate of Technical Studies in Business and Associate of Technical Studies in Supply Chain Management

- Ohio University (OU) offering college courses leading to five Associate and two Bachelor’s degrees available through correspondence for offenders that are self pay

- Sinclair Community College (SCC) offering Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Technical Studies

- Urbana University (UU) offering Associate degree in Business Administration

Advanced Job Training (College) Students Served 2019

4,325
Registered Apprenticeship Programs

- Alteration Tailor
- Animal Trainer
- Assembly Technician
- Automobile Mechanic
- Baker
- Bindery Worker
- Boiler Operator
- Cable Television Installer
- Carpenter, Maintenance
- Carpenter, Residential
- Construction Craft Laborer
- Cook (any industry)
- Dental Laboratory Technician
- Drafter, Detail
- Electrician, Maintenance
- Electronic Technician
- Fabricator (Metal Production)
- Film and Video Editor
- Fish Hatchery Worker
- Furniture Upholsterer
- Graphic Designer
- Hazardous Waste Material Technician
- Health Care Sanitary Technician
- Heating & Air Condition Technician
- Horticulturist
- Janitor
- Landscape Management Technician

Note: Some programming may take up to four years for completion.

Apprenticeship

293 ApprenticeOhio Certificates issued in FY19

Registered Apprenticeship is a program of the US Department of Labor ApprenticeOhio that connects job seekers looking to learn new skills with employers looking for qualified workers. Upon completion of a Registered Apprenticeship program, participants receive a nationally-recognized credential that certifies occupational proficiency, is portable, and can provide a pathway to high paying jobs.

3,555 Apprenticeship Students Served 2019

- Laundry Machine Mechanic
- Machine Operator 1
- Machine Setter
- Maintenance Repairer, Building
- Manager Food Service
- Material Coordinator
- Meat Cutter
- Nurse Assistant
- Offset-Press Operator 1
- Optician
- Optician Dispensing
- Painter
- Plumber
- Powerhouse Mechanic
- Program Assistant
- Quality Control Inspector
- Quality Control Technician
- Recovery Operator
- Screen Printer
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Small Engine Mechanic
- Stitches (Garment)
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
- Water Treatment Plant Operator
- Welder, Combination
- Welder, Fitter
Academic Programs

The Ohio Central School System (OCSS) was chartered by the Ohio Department of Education in 1973. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) supports correctional education with OCSS providing comprehensive services to the offender population.

**Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE)** trained tutors work with students on a program that is specifically developed for each student under the direction and expertise of a certified teacher.

**OCSS High School** became effective January 10, 2005, when OCSS centralized the high school programs to better serve ODE requirements for graduation. This unified high school provides Carnegie units to both the juvenile and adult offenders. In addition, OCSS offers a high school options program for those students in other ODRC institutions.

**High School Equivalency (HSE)** instruction is offered in 28 prisons in Ohio. Upon completion of the requirements, the incarcerated person is eligible to take the HSE exam. If passed, encouraged to transition to Career Technical Education, Advanced Job Training, or Apprenticeship program for further skill development so that reentry into the workforce becomes more attainable upon release.

**Title One** is available to those students under the age of 22 in need of supplemental services to help students overcome deficiencies in learning.

**Character Core Education** provide students with the essential transitional skills and the necessary social and emotional skills to succeed in their daily lives both in and out of the correctional setting.

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11,701 Academic Students Served 2019
Career Technical Education

The Ohio Central School System (OCSS) provides Career Technical Education (CTE) in trades ranging from auto technology to welding. CTE provides an industry-based curriculum embedded in real-world experience.

Post-Secondary CTE Programs:
- Administrative Professional Support
- Auto Collision
- Auto Technology
- Barbering
- C-Tech Network Cabling
- Carpentry
- Commercial Baking
- Construction Technologies
- Cosmetology
- Drafting
- Drywall
- Electronics/Computer Repair
- Food Management and Production
- Graphic Occupations
- HVAC
- Horticulture
- Machine Trades
- Masonry
- Plumbing
- Power Equipment Technician
- Production Agriculture
- Resilient Flooring
- Visual Communications
- Web Design/Computer Aided Graphics
- Welding

Secondary CTE Programs:
- Administrative Professional Support
- Graphic Occupations
- Horticulture
- Welding

Students who have a career technical aptitude are eligible to receive high school credits for the Adult Diploma Program (ADP). The ADP offered by OCSS is sanctioned by ODE as an approved high school equivalent credential. CTE students also have the opportunity to earn industry-level credentials, which are issued by state boards or nationally-recognized organizations.
Library Services

Each Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) institution provides both general and law library services to the incarcerated person population. Some libraries provide, in addition to reading materials, music, films, and other media to enhance the library experience for the institution patrons.

- **Law Libraries** provide major legal materials in electronic format, ODRC policies, Foreign Consular Offices in the US and mandatory printed materials for incarcerated persons’ access to court & counsel.

- **Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC)** is managed by the Mandarin Library Automation System to track book loans and returns and makes locating overdue books much easier for ODRC library staff. ODRC libraries have more than 400,000 items available to the offender population.

- **Library Donations** from Ohio universities, the State Library of Ohio, churches, public libraries and individuals. All donated library materials must go through the ODRC Library Services Office’s arrangements.

- **Library Material** acquisitions are made through recommendations by the Library Advisory Committee, results of the Library Needs Assessment, incarcerated persons’ suggestions, and multi-disciplinary institutional services staff. ODRC Libraries provide comprehensive library services to all incarcerated persons and the collections include materials in supporting offenders’ informational needs for their personal development/self-help, leisure activities, education supports, as well as, preparation on career readiness.

- **Resources** are available in each main library and many camp libraries that provide an online link to LexisNexis law library database and OhioMeansJobs.com (OMJ). With OMJ offenders can begin the job search, prepare resumes, and locate reentry programming to prepare for release. The Welcome Home County Videos provide the incarcerated persons with information about who they can contact upon release to help them prepare for a successful return to Ohio neighborhoods.
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