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Co-Chair, Senator Janeen Sollman
Co-Chair, Representative Ricki Ruiz
Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Education

Dear Co-Chairs Sollman and Ruiz,

During the **April 22, 2025** community college presentations on the higher education and training budget (SB 5525), Sen. Frederick asked a question about higher education in prison opportunities in Oregon's correctional institutions. We wanted to take this opportunity to share information about the educational opportunities currently available to Oregon's Adults in Custody (AICs).

- Adult Basic Skills (ABS)/GED programs are provided by four community colleges (Central Oregon, Chemeketa, Portland, and Treasure Valley) at Oregon's 12 adult correctional institutions.
- Registered Apprenticeship programs in occupations such as boiler operators, cabinet makers, limited maintenance electricians, and plumbers are available at correctional institutions across the state, but serve only a small number of AICs, primarily due to the required journey person/apprenticeship ratios.
- Certificate and associate degree programs are provided by the four community colleges that also offer ABS/GED programs and are available to AICs in nine correctional institutions.
- Bachelor's degrees and other courses are offered by Lewis and Clark College, Corban University, Portland State University, and the University of Oregon in seven correctional institutions.

A more detailed list of corrections education opportunities is available in Appendix A.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kyle Thomas, Director of Legislative and Policy Affairs, at kyle.thomas@hecc.oregon.gov or at 503-480-9596.

Sincerely,

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Appendix A: Corrections Education Opportunities in Oregon

Table 1: Adult Basic Education/GED Programs

Institution	College Provider	Approximate Number of Students Served (2023-2025)
Deer Ridge Correctional Institution (DRCI)	Central Oregon Community College	168
Oregon State Correctional Institution (OSCI)	Chemeketa Community College	270
Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP)	Chemeketa Community College	250
Santiam Correctional Institution (SCI)	Chemeketa Community College	175
Coffee Creek Correctional Institution (CCCF)	Portland Community College	200
Columbia River Correctional Institution (CRCI)	Portland Community College	120
South Fork Forest Camp (SFFC)	Portland Community College	25
Snake River Correctional Institution (SRCI)	Treasure Valley Community College	550
Warner Creek Correctional Facility (WCCF)	Treasure Valley Community College	100
Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution (EOCI)	Treasure Valley Community College	190
Powder River Correctional Institution (PRCI)	Treasure Valley Community College	70
Two Rivers Correctional Institution (TRCI)	Treasure Valley Community College	190

NOTE: Data comes from the Department of Corrections.

Table 2: Community College and University Programs

Institution	College or University Provider	Program(s) Available	Approximate Number of Students Served, Fall 2024
DRCI	Central Oregon CC	Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree (AAOT)	18
DRCI	Central Oregon CC	Welding Certification	10
OSCI	Chemeketa CC	AAOT	34
OSCI	University of Oregon	Various courses	69
OSCI	Corban University	Bachelor's degree	77
OSP	Chemeketa CC	AAOT	104
OSP	Portland State University	Various courses	14
OSP	University of Oregon	Various courses	83
SCI	Chemeketa CC	AAOT	50
CCCF	Portland CC	Various courses	119
CCCF	Portland State University	Various courses	146
CCCF	University of Oregon	Various courses	78
CRCI	Portland CC	Pre-Trades Construction	33
CRCI	Lewis and Clark College	College Inside-Out	16
SRCI	Treasure Valley CC	AAOT	9*
SRCI	Treasure Valley CC	Building Construction Trades	
SRCI	Treasure Valley CC	Peer Recovery Coach	
EOCI	Treasure Valley CC	Various courses	30
PRCI	Treasure Valley CC	Peer Recovery Coach	14

NOTE: Data comes from the Department of Corrections, and headcounts are duplicated. Students enrolled in more than one program are counted in each program's total.

*Disaggregated student enrollment per academic program is not available for SRCI.