

Academics

The Division of Education provides individualized and group instruction to residents so that they may acquire or improve basic general education skills, and pass the GED® examination. Each individual is a learner with potential. It is the duty and challenge of each instructor to determine the learner’s needs and to motivate the individual to achieve their full potential. Each facility’s Education Center assists every offender to define and then realize their goals through excellence in academic subjects while simultaneously enhancing the offender’s value system, attitudes, and their consequent success.

It is the purpose of the Division of Education and its individual schools to identify and place offenders in their appropriate grade level, then guide them to the upper limits of their capabilities. Modules or components of the Individual Learning Plan (ILP) are variously graded upon completion by percentage correct, satisfactory, and unsatisfactory. Progress is also measured on such standardized instruments as the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) 11/12, which is administered upon entry and after 40 hours of instruction. The GED Ready® test is given on a pre-arranged schedule to those offenders reaching Level 2 and deemed ready by the instructor.

Adult Education

General Educational Development (GED)	
Course Description	This course is designed to help develop foundational to higher level knowledge and skills in reading, math, science, social studies, and written expression. The course will prepare students to earn a high school equivalency credential.
Course Length	Depending on student needs, students participate in this class for a varied length of time.
Educational Good Time (EGT)	90 days upon successful completion of all GED® exam requirements <i>(Individual levels are not eligible for good time credit.)</i>
Admission Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All inmates without a GED® or a high school diploma are eligible to participate.
Course Content	<p>The course is made up of three skill level assignments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 1 – Literacy <i>(Individual skill levels are not eligible for Educational Good Time Credits.)</i> Participants with a TABE 11/12 score of 441 or below in Reading or a score of 448 or below in Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course content focuses on developing foundational knowledge and skills in reading, math, science, social studies, and written expression. Instructional materials may include Laubach, Steck-Vaughn, Paxen, PACE, and Kentucky Educational Television (KET), as well as audio-visual materials and computer courses. Level 2 – Adult Basic Education (ABE) <i>(Individual skill levels are not eligible for Educational Good Time Credits.)</i> Participants with a TABE 11/12 score between 442 and 500 in Reading or a score between 449 and 495 in Math

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course content provides a continuation of Level 1. Greater stress is on middle and upper levels of study. Other methodologies may include (but are not limited to) computer-assisted instruction in reading, mathematics, and language. • Level 3 – General Educational Development (GED) (<i>Individual skill levels are not eligible for Educational Good Time Credits.</i>) Participants with a TABE 11/12 score of 501 or higher in Reading or a score of 496 or higher in Math - Course content provides a continuation of Level 2. Study materials from Contemporary, McGraw-Hill, Cambridge, Steck-Vaughn, Paxen, and other
Applicable Policies	CPP 20.1
Institution Locations	All institutions offer GED classes
Additional Information	<p>Upon successful completion of a GED[®],</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The offender will receive their diploma or transcript in the mail from Kentucky Adult Education (KYAE). • Upon successful completion of all GED[®] exam requirements, the Education Administrator will submit the student transcript to Central Office at DOCEdu.Registrar@ky.gov for a 90 day EGT award.

Correspondence Courses: High School Diploma/High School Equivalency Diploma	
Course Description	Courses designed to achieve a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma from an accredited institution as defined by CPP 20.1
Course Length	Depending on the educational institution, students participate in correspondence classes for a varied length of time
Educational Good Time (EGT)	90 days awarded for a Diploma
Admission Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone without a secondary diploma is eligible to apply • Complete and submit the correspondence course enrollment request form to the education administrator
Course Content	Course content will vary depending on the course subject
Applicable Policies	CPP 20.1 CPP 16.2 KRS 197.045
Institution Locations	Correspondence course opportunities are available to offenders housed at all institutions. (<i>Student choice of accredited educational institution</i>)
Additional Information	<p>The offender is financially responsible for paying for all correspondence coursework.</p> <p>Upon successful completion of a diploma, the offender must give the official transcript to the Education Administrator to be submitted to Central Office at DOCEdu.Registrar@ky.gov for a one-time 90 day EGT award.</p>

Note: EGT is credited for a diploma, an associates degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree, or doctoral degree conferred by an accredited¹ institution as required by KRS 197.045(1)(a)(2)

Post-Secondary Education

Onsite or Distance Learning Classes	
Course Description	College/university level classes are designed to develop higher knowledge and skills in a variety of areas and subjects to prepare to earn a diploma or degree. Courses may be available through on-site instruction or distance learning instruction via tablets.
Course Length	Depending on the college/university, field of study and emphasis areas, students participate in postsecondary classes for a varied length of time.
Educational Good Time (EGT)	90 days awarded for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate's degree • Bachelor's degree • Master's degree • Doctoral degree
Application Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All inmates with a GED® or a high school diploma are eligible to apply. • Minimum of 12 months or more to PE/SOT • Clear conduct for 6 months (<i>no category 4 or higher convictions</i>)
Admission Criteria	Established by each educational institution providing services
Course Content	Course content will vary depending on the field of study.
Applicable Policies	CPP 20.1 KRS 197.045
Institution Locations	EKCC, KCIW, LLCC, NTC
Additional Information	<p>The student is responsible for paying all tuition and fees that are not covered by financial aid.</p> <p>Upon successful completion of a postsecondary degree or diploma, the offender must give the official transcript to the Education Administrator to be submitted to Central Office at DOCEdu.Registrar@ky.gov for a 90 day EGT award.</p>

Note: EGT is credited for a diploma, an associate's degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree, or doctoral degree conferred by an accredited institution of higher education as required by KRS 197.045(1)(a)(2)

¹ Accredited institution meaning: an institution officially recognized as meeting the essential requirements of academic excellence by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) OR THE United States Department of Education (USDE)

Correspondence Classes	
Course Description	College/university level classes are designed to develop higher knowledge and skills in a variety of areas and subjects. Correspondence classes allow an offender to work through a course at their own pace.
Course Length	Depending on the college/university and emphasis areas, students participate in correspondence classes for a varied length of time.
Educational Good Time (EGT)	<p>90 days awarded for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate’s degree • Bachelor’s degree • Master’s degree • Doctoral degree
Admission Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All inmates with a GED® or a high school diploma are eligible to participate upon acceptance by the college/university. • Complete and submit the <i>Correspondence Course Enrollment Request Form</i> to the Education Administrator.
Course Content	Course content will vary depending on the course subject.
Applicable Policies	<p>CPP 20.1 CPP 16.2 KRS 197.045</p>
Institution Locations	Correspondence course opportunities are available to offenders housed at all institutions.
Additional Information	<p>The offender is financially responsible for paying for all correspondence coursework.</p> <p>Upon successful completion of a degree, the offender must give the official transcript to the Education Administrator to be submitted to Central Office at DOCEdu.Registrar@ky.gov for a one-time 90 day EGT award.</p>

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