

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. Everyone 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 skill 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), 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 the minimum TABE score requirements and deemed ready by the instructor.

Adult Education

| GED® | |
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| 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 |
| Admission Criteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All inmates without a GED® or a high school diploma are eligible to participate. |
| Course Content | The TABE assessments and GED® exams all align to the College and Career Readiness standards. Through pre-assessments and progress monitoring, course content is structured on an individual basis through the development of Individualized Learning Plans (ILP). This will range from foundational skills in each subject area to higher level thinking skills. |
| Applicable Policies | CPP 20.1 KRS 197.045 |
| Institution Locations | All institutions offer GED® classes |
| Additional Information | Upon successful completion of a GED®, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The offender will receive a copy of their transcript. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. |

| High School Diploma | |
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| 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 pathway will prepare students to earn a high school diploma. |
| 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 high school diploma requirements |
| Admission Criteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inmates ages 21 and under without a high school diploma or equivalency are eligible to participate. Received special education services through a written IEP/504 plan created prior to incarceration |
| Course Content | Through pre-assessments and progress monitoring, course content is structured on an individual basis through the development of Individualized Learning Plans (ILP) and Individualized Education Programs (IEP). This will range from foundational skills in each subject area to higher level thinking skills. |
| Applicable Policies | CPP 20.1 KRS 197.045 |
| Institution Locations | All institutions |
| Additional Information | Upon successful completion of a high school diploma, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The offender will receive a copy of their transcript. Upon successful completion of all 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 | |
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| 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 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 associate's 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 | |
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| 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"> Diploma 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 6 months or more to PE/SOT/MRS at the start of the college semester. Must have access to DOC issued tablet |
| Admission Criteria | Each college partner determines admission capacities and criteria. |

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)

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| | When enrollment capacity is limited, additional criteria may be used by DOC to assist the partner in selecting eligible participants. Such as, but not limited to: conduct, parole eligibility, etc. |
| Course Content | Course content will vary depending on the field of study. |
| Applicable Policies | CPP 20.1 KRS 197.045 |
| Institution Locations | Bell County Forestry Camp (BCFC) Blackburn Correctional Complex (BCC), Eastern KY Correctional Complex (EKCC), Green River Correctional Complex (GRCC) KY Correctional Institution for Women (KCIW), KY State Penitentiary (KSP), Lee Adjustment Center (LAC), Little Sandy Correctional Complex (LSCC), Luther Luckett Correctional Complex (LLCC), Northpoint Training Center (NTC), Roederer Correctional Complex (RCC) Southeast State Correctional Complex (SSCC) Western KY Correctional Complex (WKCC) |
| Additional Information | <p>Participation is contingent on student's ability to access the method of course delivery. If a student is unable to access the method of course delivery and unable to attend in-person classes for the number of days according to college policies, they may be disenrolled.</p> <p>The student is responsible for paying all tuition and fees 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)

| Correspondence Classes | |
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| 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. |