

MSSC Helps Inmates Re-enter the Workforce

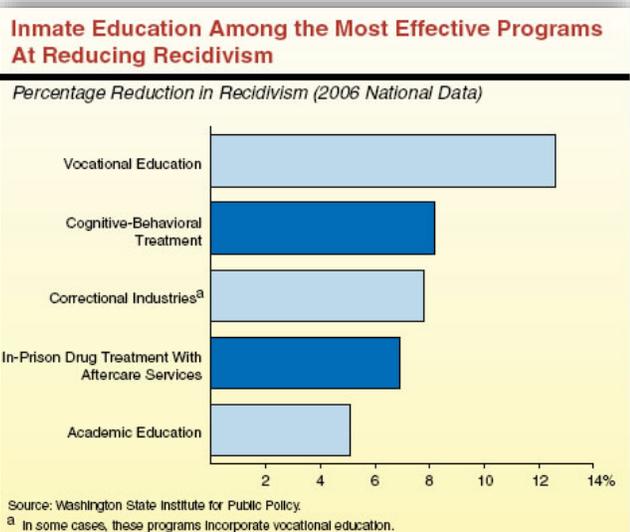
MSSC's Certified Production Technician (CPT) and Certified Logistics Technician (CLT) programs

are currently offered in four federal prisons. CPT and CLT are two of the programs available to inmates to help them acquire technical skills and certification.

Programs like CPT and CLT help inmates gain technical knowledge and skills as well as industry credentials to increase the likelihood of post-incarceration employment. According to the U.S. Department of Education, many offenders are ill-equipped to break the cycle of catch-and-release because they lack the education and workforce skills needed to succeed in the labor market. However, studies show that education and job skills training reduce recidivism.

“Finding any kind of employment reduces recidivism, but having a career-track job with decent prospects for pay and promotions is even more effective in helping felons stay out of prison.”

Clint Castleberry, programs administrator, Oklahoma State Department of Corrections (6.27.12, NPR)



Due to restrictions on inmate access to the internet, MSSC has made accommodations to allow prisons to access the CPT Amatrol material offline. This program gives inmates the chance to utilize state of the art, interactive curriculum based on MSSC standards. MSSC also provides them with paper and pencil testing. Inmates are often required to pay for their own assessments.

“MSSC is pleased to work with the federal prison system,” said Neil Reddy, MSSC Executive Director. “Industrial certifications like ours can help inmates find employment when they are released, and hopefully that will help them not return to prison.”

“Many inmates come to prison with very little formal education, leaving them unprepared to go to work once they’re released.”

Louisiana State Representative, Gary Smith (The Advocate, 2012)

MSSC Activity in Prisons

Assessment Delivery

- 5,821+ assessments delivered since February 2011
- 4,404+ credentials issued
- 75% passing rate

Authorized Assessment and Training Centers

- Dyer County Sheriff - TN
- FCI Oxford – WI
- FCI Pekin – IL
- MCF Faribault -MN
- MCF Moose Lake -MN
- MCF Red Wing -MN
- MCF Rush City -MN
- MCF Willow River -MN
- Metropolitan Correctional Community College- Omaha
- Mohawk – NY
- Oakland City University- Miami
- Oakland City University- Westville
- Okeechobee Correctional Institution
- Oneida Correctional Facility
- Pasco Hernando Workforce, Inc.
- Pathway- VA, Inc.
- Pine Technical & Community College
- Polk State College
- Pride Enterprises - FL
- Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership
- South Central College- Faribault Campus
- Spartanburg Tech – SC
- St. Charles Community College
- USP Leavenworth – KS
- USP Marion – IL
- Washburn Tech – KS

What are Inmates Saying

“I’m a practicing electrical apprentice always eager for more education. I thought my future was set in stone as far as capabilities were concerned, it wasn’t until I signed up for the MSSC Certification Program that I realized my options aren’t limited to simply construction based employment. I can now take the education I’ve already had and the stuff I’ve picked up from the program and apply them almost anywhere I want to look to employ me. MSSC is a great program to gain insights into education that wouldn’t normally be available to inexperienced workers looking for a job, and for that I’m Thankful!”

Pekin Inmate, CPT Certificant

“I felt this course gives a good basic core of understanding of the Technical Side of Manufacturing. Even for someone who has prior experience in the field. The knowledge one gains will help in all aspects of Manufacturing. I would like to Thank You for giving me the opportunity to further my Education in this field.”

Pekin Inmate, CPT Certificant

“After 25 years in Manufacturing I’ve witnessed the change in production philosophy. Upon graduating the MSSC Certified Production Technician Program, I’m confident that my core skills are up to date with the latest tools, techniques, and philosophies to excel in a 21st Century Manufacturing Environment.”

Pekin Inmate, CPT Certificant

Each quote was provided by an inmate who earned the full-CPT certification while incarcerated. Due to federal privacy requirements for inmates, MSSC is not able to provide the names of these individuals.