

Directory of Higher Education Programs in Illinois Correctional Centers 2019



Illinois Colleges and Universities That Provide Academic Higher Education in IL State Correctional Centers

Name of College or University	IDOC Facility	Name of Program	Year Founded	Contact Person / Information	Program Description
Augustana University	East Moline Correctional Center	Augustana Liberal Arts College in Prison	2018	Sharon Varallo sharonvarallo@augustana.edu 319-512-1136	Noncredit liberal arts courses and book clubs facilitated by Augustana College faculty.
Danville Area Community College	Danville Correctional Center	N/A	2014	McKenna Allison mallison@dacc.edu 217-446-0441 Ext. 354 dacc.edu	Danville Area Community College offers a wide variety of courses and programs to assist incarcerated students in advancing their education. DACC provides college courses for associate degree programs and vocational programs. We also offer a tutoring program for students enrolled in academic courses, an Adult Peer-to-Peer Tutoring Program for students not enrolled in courses, and a Career Tech course for individuals nearing their release date. Certificates Offered: Associate in Art, Associate in General Studies, Construction Certificate, Custodial Maintenance Certificate, Automotive Certificate.
DePaul University; Founder Temple University	Stateville Correctional Center	DePaul Inside-out Prison-exchange Program	2012	Hellen Damon-Moore hdmonmo@depaul.edu (773-325-8192) resources.depaul.edu/steans-center-community-based-service-learning/service-learning/community-service-studies/Pages/inside-out-prison-exchange.aspx	The Inside-Out Prison Exchange program creates opportunities for people inside and outside of correctional institutions to have transformative learning experiences that emphasize collaboration and dialogue. Its distinctive pedagogical strategies, rules and boundaries, and institutional support separate the program from other higher education initiatives. The particular characteristics and components of Inside-Out have been instrumental in its growth as an international movement involving over 150 correctional and higher education partnerships, as well as its sustainability for the past twenty years.
North Park University	Stateville Correctional Center	School of Restorative Arts	2018	Michelle Clifton-Soderstrom mclifton-soderstrom@northpark.edu 773-224-5753 northpark.edu/seminary/school-of-restorative-arts	Administered through North Park Theological Seminary, the SRA offers an MA in Christian Ministry with a Restorative Arts track allowing free and incarcerated students to study together. The foci of the program include positive race relations, appreciation of cultural differences, non-violent communication skills, deepening of one's faith, and servant leadership.
Northwestern University	Stateville Correctional Center	Northwestern Prison Education Program	2018	Jennifer Lackey j-lackey@northwestern.edu 847-491-2557 sites.northwestern.edu/npep	The Northwestern Prison Education Program (NPEP) is a partnership between Northwestern University, the Illinois Department of Corrections, and Oakton Community College to provide a degree-granting liberal arts education to students at Stateville Correctional Center.
University of Illinois	Danville Correctional Center	Education Justice Project	2008	Rebecca Ginsburg rginsbur@illinois.edu 217-300-5150 educationjustice.net	EJP offers multiple academic programs at the facility, including for-credit courses, tutoring, English as a Second Language, mindfulness, and computer programming. EJP also produces reentry guides and offers scholarships to formerly incarcerated students.
Northeastern Illinois University	Stateville Correctional Center	Prison and Neighborhood Arts Project	2012	Sarah Ross sarahlynnross@gmail.com 323-252-1336 p-nap.org/	Prison+Neighborhood Arts Project (PNAP) is a coalition of artists, writers, and scholars who organize arts and humanities classes at Stateville prison. Each year, scholarly and creative work developed in the prison is exhibited in neighborhood galleries. In 2017, PNAP partnered with Northeastern IL University's University Without Walls program to offer a bachelor's degree program at Stateville. Each semester, UWW offers art, poetry and a mix of courses. Classes are not-for-credit but, for students who are in the UWW program, classes help them build competency toward their degree. In addition to offering 13 classes, we facilitate a think-tank and tutoring program.
Lake Land Community College	Dixon Correctional Center, Lincoln Correctional Center, Vandalla Correctional Center	N/A	Unknown	Lake Land College requests that individuals contact the IL Department of Corrections for more information: www2.illinois.gov/idoc/Pages/default.aspx	—

Illinois Correctional Centers WITH Academic Higher Education Programs

- Danville Correctional Center
- Dixon Correctional Center
- East Moline Correctional Center
- Lincoln Correctional Center
- Stateville Correctional Center
- Vandalia Correctional Center

Illinois Correctional Centers WITHOUT Post-Secondary Academic OR Vocational Education Opportunities

- Centralia Correctional Center
- Pontiac Correctional Center
- Pontiac Medium Security Unit
- Menard Medium Security Unit

Illinois Correctional Centers WITHOUT Academic Higher Education Programs (some of the facilities offer vocational education)

- Big Muddy River
- Centralia
- Decatur
- Graham
- Hill
- Illinois River
- Jacksonville
- Joliet
- Lawrence
- Logan
- Menard Correctional Center

- Menard Medium Security Unit
- Pinckneyville
- Pontiac Correctional Center
- Pontiac Medium Security Unit
- Robinson
- Shawnee
- Sheridan
- Southwestern
- Taylorville
- Vienna
- Western Illinois