



High School Diploma & Career Education Program For Corrections

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CAREER ONLINE EDUCATION

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SECURE, INTERNET-BASED HIGH SCHOOL WITH PROVEN RESULTS FOR CORRECTIONAL REENTRY PROGRAMS

As the nation's first and only online secondary program for corrections, our program offers a performance-based, teacher-guided program to help low education-level students earn a high school diploma and entry-level workforce readiness certificate. The program gives teachers the tools to prepare students for post-release employment, encouraging successful reentry into their communities.

Based on the belief that all students can learn when provided with the right conditions, our approach has proven effective with students who were unsuccessful in traditional academic environments, specifically those within the criminal justice system.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Accredited by AdvancED/SACS/NCA/NWAC
- Entry-level workforce readiness certification included in program
- Students earn a high school diploma not a GED
- Provides secure, Internet-based access to a self-paced curriculum

PROVEN RESULTS

The online high school program used by the Florida Department of Corrections.*
More Than:

- 500 Graduates
- 12,000 Credits Earned
- 1,300 Total Students

*The FLDOD Online Campus is sponsored by Smart Horizons Career Online High School, LLC and the State of Florida Department of Corrections.

INDUSTRY LEADER

The U.S. Department of Education's *Educational Technology In Corrections 2015* report named Smart Horizons a primary example of a successful Internet-based education program for corrections.

EQUIPPING ONSITE TEACHERS WITH POWERFUL ONLINE TOOLS

The program enables onsite teachers to employ a proven Internet-based curriculum to help students earn a high school diploma and gain real-world career skills. The teachers' role includes the following:

- Guiding students through the online curriculum
- Monitoring student performance at workstations
- Coaching students individually or in groups
- Verifying student performance at workstations
- Reviewing real-time data on student performance
- Coordinating with Academic Coaches and Help Desk

"Florida is leading correctional education across the Nation in making on line learning opportunities available to adult prisoners."

**—Dr. John Linton, Director
Office of Correctional Education, U.S. Department of Education
Online Career Education for Inmates Status Report to the
Florida Legislature (December 2014)**

SECURE ONLINE DELIVERY

The program was designed to meet the rigorous security demands of correctional facilities. Our security measures have proven entirely successful to date as students are restricted to the coursework and are unable to browse the Internet.

THE CURRICULUM

We offer over 70 academic and career-based, online semester courses that are highly interactive and engaging. Courses have been designed to trigger and retain interest in students who have struggled with traditional educational formats. Students begin coursework in a career area that piques interest and encourages a sense of accomplishment, which inspires them to keep learning and ultimately move successfully through the core academic subjects.

ENTRY-LEVEL WORKFORCE READINESS CERTIFICATION

As part of the program, students acquire skills and knowledge they can use to gain employment upon release. Along with the high school diploma, program graduates are awarded an entry-level workforce readiness certificate in one of the following areas:

- Food and Hospitality
- Retail Customer Service
- Office Management
- Commercial Driving
- General Career Prep

PROVEN SUCCESS RATES

Shown to be highly successful with low education-level students (TABE 5–9)

WHY IT WORKS

SUBJECT-MATTER MASTERY VS. SEAT TIME:

Students advance only after mastering the current assignment and are guided to spend more time in areas requiring additional attention.

GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT:

The onsite teacher provides academic interventions, guidance, and support as needed.

TARGETED FEEDBACK:

Specific, instant electronic feedback at regular intervals tells students exactly what they need to work on.

INDIVIDUAL PACING:

Performance-based instruction builds subject mastery at each student's pace—not an instructor's or group's pace.

RESEARCH-BASED:

The computer-assisted instruction approach is based on decades of research by leading scientists and U.S. government agencies such as the Department of Education and the Department of Defense.

RECOGNIZED BY THE WHITE HOUSE

Cited as a program that supports reentry, promoting rehabilitation and reintegration for the formerly-incarcerated.

REDUCING RECIDIVISM

On average, inmates who participated in correctional education programs had 43 percent lower odds of returning to prison than inmates who did not.[†]

[†]How Effective Is Correctional Education, and Where Do We Go from Here? Rand Corporation/Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice ©2014



Smart Horizons Career Online Education is fully accredited as an online school district by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission, the national commission that confers the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) accreditation seal.

Recognized in the U.S. Department of Education's *Educational Technology in Corrections 2015*

Report cites the following successes of the Smart Horizons program in the State of Florida:

- Real-time data reporting and tracking of student progress has been enhanced.
- Agency-wide statistics now include high school enrollment and graduation numbers.
- The online high school has provided an alternative for students struggling in a traditional classroom setting and for those having difficulty with the new GED.
- Software and hardware upgrades have given onsite teachers expanded tools in their classrooms.



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