

## Guidance for Finding a Program

If you are searching for a higher education program for yourself or for someone else who is currently incarcerated, the contacts and directories on our Find a Program page may provide a starting point.

When evaluating educational opportunities, we encourage everyone (incarcerated or not) to consider a broad range of potential resources. Consider what will meet your own goals for your learning, whether that is a certificate program, AA or BA degree program, non-credit college preparatory courses, or free educational resources (such as high quality college syllabi and reading materials for independent study).

If you or someone you're supporting want to pursue a college degree while incarcerated, we encourage you to first write or call the program to learn more. You might ask:

1. Who can enroll in your program? Does your program run in all parts of the prison, or just some sections (or "yards")?
2. What degrees and/or majors, if any, do you offer incarcerated students?
3. Do incarcerated students earn college credit for your courses? If so, are the credits transferable to other colleges and universities?
4. How many courses do you offer to students each semester?
5. Do you offer all of the courses needed to complete the degree inside?
6. If a student is released before completing the degree, what options do they have to finish?
7. Do incarcerated students pay fees or tuition? If so, what do you charge?
8. Do incarcerated students need to receive a Pell Grant to enroll?
9. Are school supplies and textbooks provided, or do students need to purchase them?
10. How do incarcerated students access research and library resources?
11. How often can incarcerated students meet with an academic advisor?