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“To provide educational opportunities which will enable students to become responsible and productive citizens in a diverse society”

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS REVIEW

Mission: The overall mission of the Corrections Education Office is *"To provide educational opportunities which will enable students to become responsible and productive citizens in a diverse society."*

Overview: All male inmates entering into the correctional system are classified at the (SCI Camp Hill) and females at (SCI Muncy), Correctional Diagnostic and Classification Center. Educational assessments administered during classification include the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). These assessments are used to make initial educational placements at one of the 23 receiving institutions. Any inmate who does not possess a GED or High School Diploma is mandated to attend 360 hours of Academic Programming.

Educational Goals:

1. To assess and address the educational needs of each offender.
2. To post-test offenders to determine offender performance, improvement, and program success.
3. To provide a legislatively mandated program of Victim Awareness Education.
4. To prepare inmates for the General Education Development (GED) examination.
5. To provide an educational program that complies with IDEA B and Title 14 for students identified as special education eligible.
6. To provide opportunities for offenders (22 and over) to participate in vocational assessment and training.
7. Provide opportunities for qualified offenders to enroll in vocational-technical/business certificate programs.
8. Eliminate illiteracy and to upgrade offenders' literacy skills to the GED Level, to include Limited English Proficiency (LEP).

The Department offers quality, non-threatening, success-oriented education programs designed specifically for the adult learner in the following areas.

Adult Basic Education: (ABE) instruction, designed for adults functioning in the lower levels of achievement roughly equivalent to grade levels K-8. These programs are offered at all sites.

English as a Second Language: is offered within our ABE instructional program and with peer tutors. This program focuses on improving the basic academic skills of our limited English proficient students.

Special Education: for previously identified under 22-year-olds are consolidated into five correctional facilities. The Department services an average of 100 students throughout the year. These students are entitled to a full range of services delivered by certified teaching staff.

Secondary Education: (GED) includes instruction at grade levels 9-12 in Reading, Writing/Language, Math, Science and Social Studies, focusing on the successful completion of the General Educational Development Test® (GED® Test). As of July 1, 2004, all new inmates are mandated to work toward earning a GED/CSD Diploma.

GED Test: is administered on-site at each State Correctional Institution, which is an established GED Testing Center. Academic programs contain basic and advanced skills necessary to pass the GED® Test.

Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program: is offered/available at all institutions. Students/offenders under 22 years of age are provided instruction by certified teaching staff in accordance with Act 15 and Act 35.

Vocational Education: is intended to provide entry-level skills in 24 vocational areas. Every effort is made to identify trade-based competency certification or assessment closely aligned with each vocational program. Currently, the Department offers credentials/assessments in over 96% of its vocational programs. All vocational programs offered are nationally recognized.

Pathway to Success/Personal Finance: these programs/courses provide instruction in such areas as employability, consumer economics, citizenship, community resources, and wellness education.

Post-Secondary Education: includes opportunities are forthcoming with the reintroduction of Pell Grant for incarcerated individuals. Opportunities are also available via correspondence courses from accredited institutions.

Victims Awareness Education Class: is a legislatively mandated education class developed under the scope of Act 143 to teach offenders convicted of a violent crime the physical, financial, and emotional impact of their crimes on the victims and the community.

SCI-ALBION EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: The State Correctional Institution at Albion is located in Erie County, one mile south of Albion, Pennsylvania. It is one of five prototypes designed and constructed by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections in the mid 1990's. The facility was constructed as a 1,000-cell medium security institution to house adult male offenders and was expanded in 1998 to accommodate a current population of approximately 2,275 inmates.

Overview of the Education Department: SCI-Albion's Education Department will have four (4) full-time academic, three (3) full-time vocational teachers, one (1) full-time business teacher, in addition to an Education Guidance Counselor, a librarian and one (1) library assistant staff.

Overview of Education Counseling & Testing: The Education Guidance Counselor utilizes an "open door policy" and affords every student counseling as needed. The Guidance Counselor also serves as a key person in the attendance monitoring and student discipline procedures. The Counselor accepts staff and/or other inmate referrals. In addition to the Guidance Counselor, other staff members, including the teachers and the school principal, are available to provide individualized counseling assistance upon request. The primary assessment tools utilized by the Education Department are Forms 13 and 14 of the TABE, which measure reading, mathematics, and language development levels. The Education Guidance Counselor conducts all testing. English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) students are assessed using the Basic English Skills Test (BEST). Mathematical ability is assessed using the TABE.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: The Guidance Counselor carefully monitors the arrival of new inmates. Reception lists are reviewed for school-age inmates. The counselor participates in weekly orientation sessions in the intake-housing unit to describe the educational and vocational programs offered at SCI-Albion. At orientation, inmates are given a description of educational and vocational classes offered by the Education Department. In addition, the mandatory schooling policy is explained.

Overview of the Academic Programs: The ABE program at SCI-Albion encompasses all academic classes through the eighth-grade level, including English-as-a-Second Language (ESL). Students are placed into ABE classes at a level determined by scoring on the TABE test administered by the Education Guidance Counselor. All academic programs are conducted in self-contained classrooms. Students are assigned to attend five days per week at the same designated time each day. The goal of the secondary education program at SCI-Albion is the successful completion of the General Educational Development (GED) test or the opportunity to obtain their Commonwealth Secondary Diploma (CSD). Secondary classes begin at the GED level and advance through classes in which students are given a rigorous program of skill building leading to a mastery of the GED test or obtaining their CSD. The Business Education program prepares students for employment in various business related and office environments. Students will be eligible to take the International Computer Driver's License (ICDL) or NOCTI exams.

Overview of Special Education & Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program:

The CSD program continues to be an alternate path to secondary credentials for inmates who enter the system with a significant amount of high school credits, or who see the GED as an unreachable goal.

Overview of any Literacy Tutoring Programs: An inmate tutoring program functions on the Special Needs Unit (SNU) of the institution, as well as the other housing units, using the services of inmate tutors housed on that unit to provide tutoring for interested inmates assigned to the SNU and other units. In addition to providing curriculum material, the education department makes training available to interested tutors, who are supervised by housing unit personnel.

List of Full-Time Vocational Programs & Certifications Offered:

- Cosmetology Program – State Licensure
- Carpentry - NCCER (Core, Carpentry I, & Your Role in the Green Environment)
- Warehouse Operations – NCCER (Core), MHIA, and Forklift
- Flagger Certification
- OSHA Ten-Hour Construction Certification

SCI BENNER TOWNSHIP EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: SCI Benner is a "D" stability facility with a Diversionary Treatment Unit (22), Special Needs Unit (64) and a Residential Treatment (192) with a population of approximately 1776 inmates with an average sentence of 3-10 years with age ranges from 18-85.

Overview of the Education Department: SCI Benner Township has an Education Department staffed with one Correction School Principal, one Education Guidance Counselor, one Clerk Assistant 2, one Librarian, one Library Assistant, four Academic Instructors, three Vocational Instructors, and a Barber/Barber Manager Instructor.

Overview of the Educational Counseling & Testing: Education Counseling is done on a one-to-one basis as needed to discuss educational issues or changes in programming. GED testing is done in the GED lab with inmates who have demonstrated the required academic skill levels. TABE and NCCER testing are done in the Aztec lab by the instructors.

Overview of the inmate Education Orientation: New receptions are on an orientation callout within two weeks of arrival to the facility. Each inmate is given an educational brochure (English/Spanish). He/she is given the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list for academic or vocational education if the requirements are verified. Inmates are also given an overview of Barber and Library procedures.

OVERVIEW OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS: There are four ABET instructors who offer four class periods per day. The Business Instructor has two class offerings per day. The instructors focus on the needs of the Commonwealth Secondary Diploma students to acquire the appropriate credits. Other students focus on basic literacy and GED subject matter. The Aztec lab is utilized on an alternating schedule by the four ABETs and three NCCER instructors.

Overview of Special Education & Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program (CSD): SCI Benner Township does not have a Special Education Program.

Overview of Literacy Tutoring Programs: Each housing unit and instructor in the Education Department employs a tutor(s) to assist enrolled students.

List of Full Time Vocational Programs & Certifications Offered:

- Barber School – Barber License; Barber Manager License
- Custodial Maintenance – NCCER/CORE and Custodial Maintenance Certificate TPC
- Electricity 1 & 2 –NCCER/CORE; OSHA Certification
- Plumbing 1 & 2 – NCCER/CORE; You and Your Green Environment

SCI CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: Cambridge Springs is a small, predominately rural community historically known for its tourist trade until the 1930's. After the tourist boom ended, the Polish National Alliance College became the focus for the town until the college closed in 1987. The 188-acre PNA property was purchased in 1991 by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and became the State Correctional Institution at Cambridge Springs, a minimum-security women's correctional facility that began accepting inmates in early 1992. SCI Cambridge Springs has 174 acres, 40 of which are located inside the perimeter. There are 5 housing units that house a variety of GP and specialized programs like House of Healing, Aurora House, DTU, Boot Camp and TC. The operational bed capacity is 1390 inmates.

Overview of the Education Department: The Education department is primarily housed in building 4 at SCI Cambridge Springs. There are currently ABE/GED and 4 vocational programs offered including Optical, Cosmetology, Horticulture, and Carpentry and a corrections library. The staff consists of the school principal, education guidance counselor, education clerk, 3 ABE/GED teachers, a special education teacher, four vocational teachers, a librarian and librarian assistant.

Overview of Education Counseling and Testing: The Education Guidance Counselor ensures that students at SCI Cambridge Springs are diagnostic tested if not already done so at SCI Muncy for classification. Students complete the TABE test. After orientation, students are brought in for one-on-one counseling sessions to go over interests, placements and offerings. The Education Guidance Counselor also updates student progress and submits final approval for students finishing their CSD or GED.

Inmates participate in an in-person orientation with various departments including education. Potential students are given an interest inventory, a records request form, an educational brochure and told about programs. Inmates can ask questions about offerings. The Educational Guidance Counselor or Corrections Principal run these sessions.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: Students who come into our school without a diploma or GED are determined to be mandatory students and must start school as soon as a seat is available. There are courses specifically for test prep for the GED as well as Commonwealth Secondary Diploma classes to fulfill credit hours needed to earn a diploma.

Overview of Academic Programs:

Overview of Special Education (if available) and Commonwealth Secondary Diploma program:

Special Education services are available at SCI Cambridge Springs. These services will be made available to any school-aged Special Education student who is enrolled in the Boot Camp program at Cambridge Springs. All other Special Education students will be educated at SCI Muncy.

Overview of Literacy Tutoring programs: SCI Cambridge Springs has teachers' aides available in each classroom as well as peer tutors that live on each housing unit. The Corrections School Principal manages the program and does monthly training with the peer tutors. Resource kits are available on each housing unit for the four major academic subjects.

List of vocational programs and certifications offered:

- Cosmetology School – Pennsylvania State Cosmetology License
- Custodial Maintenance – NCCER, TCP, OSHA, Flagger, Your Role in Green Environment
- Optical Lab – American Board of Opticianry
- Horticulture – Certificates pending

SCI CAMP HILL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: The State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill is a Level 4 Institution, located approximately six miles South of Harrisburg, PA in Lower Allen Township, Cumberland County. Population Composition: Approximately 864 CDCC inmates, 1124 in General Population, and 126 in Restricted Housing Unit. SCI Camp Hill is a diagnostic/classification institution which housed both new commits and general population individuals.

Overview of the Education Department: SCI Camp Hill has five ABE teachers, two Special Education teachers, one HVAC instructor, one Graphic Arts instructor, one Business Education instructor, one Barber instructor, one Librarian, one Education Counselor, two Librarian Assistants, one Clerk Typist, and one Principal.

Overview of Education Counseling & Testing: The Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) is utilized to determine academic placement and the development of an Individualized Program of Instruction (IPI) to meet specific needs in Reading, Mathematics and Language. Special Education is provided to those who qualify. All inmates are required to attend school unless documentation is provided that the individual has earned a high school diploma or GED equivalent or HiSet. Those interested in pursuing various vocational programs are tested for proper aptitude. Initial counseling is provided to review educational records, test results, interests and staff recommendations. Recognition of deficiencies, weaknesses, difficulties, and the establishment of educational and vocational goals is the primary focus.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: New commits are housed on the classification housing unit upon arrival to SCI Camp Hill. TABE testing is done on the unit. The Education Counselor provides orientation to all new inmates on available academic and vocational programs. Information about these offerings is shared through a descriptive brochure provided in both English and Spanish. New special education students are identified by the Records Center and are immediately placed into appropriate educational services.

Overview of the Academic Programs: At SCI Camp Hill, students are given the opportunity to attend either an academic program or a vocational program. Each program is geared toward meeting the need of the individual student.

The following programs are available at SCI CAM:

- CSD/GED- This program is geared toward students who did not earn a high school diploma, GED or HiSet, they are given the opportunity to either earn a Commonwealth Secondary Diploma (CSD) or a GED.
- Special Education- This program is gear toward providing individualized instructions to students with a specific learning need.
- Act 143 Victims Awareness- This course is required by policy and is provided in the AM and PM every quarter.
- Pathway to Success Course- This class teaches the necessary skills for career development and provides students with the tools necessary for reentry.
- Personal Finance- Students learn how to plan expenses, understand paychecks and taxes, and make responsible choices about spending.
- ESL- The goal for our ESL class is to provide students with the language skills need to be effective communicator.
- Read To Your Children-This program provides students with an opportunity to connect with their families while incarcerated. This class promotes family relationships and assist with the transition back to their families
- Business Education- Business Education classes focus on developing practical skills in technology, workplace readiness, and basic business concepts. This course prepares students for modern work environments by combining digital literacy with an understanding of how businesses operate.

Prison Education Program:

- At SCI Camp Hill our post-secondary partnership is with Harrisburg Area Community College. Through this collaboration, students are enrolled in undergraduate courses held two evenings per week within the education department. This two-year program allows students to earn an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts. Classes are offered year-round, providing continuous educational opportunities for participating students.

List of Full Time Vocational Programs & Certifications Offered:

- Barber Program – State Licensure
- HVAC – NCCER (Core and HVAC) and ESCO
- Printing – PIA
- Restaurant Trades
- Flagger Certification
- OSHA Ten-Hour Construction Certification

SCI-CHESTER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: SCI Chester is a 1,175-bed medium security prison for men with a documented substance abuse history. An innovative facility which was designed to provide a continuum of substance abuse treatment services in the institution and continuing in the community at community corrections centers. This consortium approach uses the experience and expertise of public and private agencies in a broad-based effort, which focuses on treatment of inmates without losing sight of our primary responsibility for public safety.

Overview of the Education Department: To provide educational opportunities in academic or vocational programs that will enable inmates to become responsible and productive in a diverse society. The department consists of eight full-time instructors that provide both individualized and group instruction focused on academic and/or vocational achievement. The goal of the department is to provide opportunities to attain a GED, Commonwealth Secondary Diploma, or a nationally recognized vocational certification.

Overview of Education Counseling and Testing: Assessments may be utilized to determine the educational needs of each inmate in order to provide opportunities to participate in ABE/GED/CSD or vocational training. This occurs with standardized testing. Counseling services are available to assist in program placement.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: The Initial Reception committee meets with all new arrivals. Within the packet of information given to all new arrivals is a copy of the educational packet. The Initial Reception Committee grants time for an Educational Staff member to go over the educational packet with the inmates and answer any questions.

Overview of the Academic Programs: SCI Chester provides Adult Basic Education classes from literacy to the 7th grade level, and General Education Diploma classes from the 8th to the 12th grade level. SCI-Chester also offers the Commonwealth Secondary Diploma (CSD) to those individuals who have enough time to complete the program requirements, which will be reviewed upon request. Our other academic courses included Pathway to Success course; a course in Personal Finance and two hours of instruction in Act 143, Victims Awareness. SCI-Chester also offers a Business Practices program allowing inmates to obtain ICDL/NOCTI certificates. Inmates who participate in the academic program also have the opportunity to participate in additional tutoring, with the recommendation of the instructor, with student tutors from the Petey Greene volunteer organization.

List of Full-time Vocational Programs & Certifications Offered:

Cosmetology School – State Licensure
Optical Program-
Carpentry – NCCER (Core and Carpentry)
Flagger Certification
OSHA Ten-and Thirty-Hour Construction Certification

Overview of the College/University Programs: SCI Chester has several partnerships with local colleges and universities to enhance and provide post-secondary learning opportunities for inmates. These opportunities include the Inside/Out Program, St. Joseph's, Bryn Mawr Universities and The Wharton School & Resilience Education Financial Capability Workshops.

SCI COAL TOWNSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: SCI Coal Township (SCI COA) is situated on a 226-acre site; 43 acres are inside the double-fenced compound. The main complex is comprised of 15 buildings and 8 individual inmate-housing units, which encompasses an area of 537,500 square feet under roof. The total staff compliment is 539 including 332 Correctional Officers. The inmate-committed count is 2190 RHU population is 105. SCI Col Township is currently identified as a Security Level III Facility.

Overview of the Education Department: The Education Department offers educational assessments and a wide range of academic and vocational programs. These programs, when mastered, allow the inmate to re-enter society with job marketable skills. SCI Coal Township educational programs are designed as open-entry, open-exit classes/courses. This format enables the inmate student to progress at his own pace. Each program assists the student in acquiring and applying critical thinking and lifelong learning skills as well as giving him the ability to develop, practice and apply the academic skills. Vocational programs develop a well-rounded student by delivering a combination of classroom competency-based instruction supported by real world hands-on training.

The Education Department currently consists of seven academic teachers, five vocational teachers including Barber, one education counselor, a librarian, a library assistant, a clerk typist, and a Corrections School Principal. Education programs operate daily from 0755 a.m. to 1555 p.m., Monday through Friday. The educational programming is delivered in four, twelve-week sessions, with a down week between each session.

Overview of Education Counseling and Testing: Assessment, counseling, and guidance services are ongoing at with a constant upgrading of the inmate's academic and vocational needs, goals and objectives. The counselor, teachers, and the school principal make every effort to accommodate students on a regular basis to address their educational needs. Students may request a conference with the counselor or principal through the Institution request process. The instructor may request that the counselor or principal meet with the student about his progress. Education program students are administered the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) annually, at minimum.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: All inmates are provided with a presentation highlighting all educational opportunities available within one/two weeks of arrival. This orientation details the available educational, vocational and treatment programs. The Education Department contacts each inmate who does not have a GED or High School Diploma for appropriate school placement, scheduling placement on the appropriate waiting list. Vocational applicants are contacted to discuss appropriate placement based on aptitude and interest. A school tour as well as a personal interview is provided to highlight educational opportunities.

Overview of the Academic Programs: Academic classes are departmental as well as ability/level specific. Classes are designed to meet the individual needs of the student. Currently SCI Coal Township provides ABE Language Arts, ABE Math, Pre-GED Language Arts, Pre-GED Math, GED Language Arts, GED Science, GED Social Studies and GED Math. Students with variable language and math scores are placed in classes that address their unique skills and needs. Pathway to Success and Personal Finance classes are taught per policy. Students also have the opportunity to earn a Commonwealth Secondary Diploma (CSD) or GED.

Overview of Special Education and Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program:

SCI Coal Township is utilizing the guidelines and policies found in the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949. SCI Coal Township implements the programs and services as found in 22 PA Code Chapter 14 – Special Education Services and Programs, Chapter 15 – Protected Handicapped Students, and Chapter 16 – Special Education for Gifted Students. In addition to the PA Public School Code of 1949, a detailed Special Education Plan is on file at the DOC/Bureau of Correction Education and in the Education Office.

No Special Education teachers

The Commonwealth Secondary Diploma (is a high school equivalency credential available to Pennsylvania residents who do not possess a high school diploma and who have met criteria specified in the Pennsylvania Code (22 PA Code §4.72).

List of Vocational Programs and Certifications Offered:

- Automotive Technology – ASE
- Barber School – State Licensure
- Custodial Maintenance – NCCER (Core) and TPC
- HVAC - NCCER (Core and HVAC) Level 1-3, EPA, ESCO and Fluke
- Flagger Certification
- OSHA Ten-hour Construction Certification
- Electrical
- Post Secondary Information
 - Bucknell-Inside-Outside classes
 - Bucknell-BILL-Bucknell Institute of Life Long Learners classes
 - Bucknell-Literature Reading Group

SCI DALLAS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Opened in January 1960, SCI Dallas was based on the educational or school model to stress those aspects, which encourages and aids in rehabilitation. The majority of this all-male population is received from the Diagnostic Center at Camp Hill. Population averages 1,936 with a racial makeup of 48.6% Black, 36.4% Caucasian, 14.3% Hispanic, and 0.8% Other, with an average age of 44. There are currently 363 serving a life sentence. The average sentence is 107.9 months to 237.6 months.

The Education Department is currently staffed with one principal, one educational guidance counselor, one education clerk, seven academic teachers, three vocational instructors, and three library staff.

All incoming inmates are offered the opportunity to enroll in academic/vocational programming. Those without a verified HSD/GED are mandated to attend at least 360 hours of academic instruction with the goal of attaining a GED or Commonwealth Secondary Diploma (CSD). Placement testing, if not already documented, will be administered via TABE (Test of Adult Education) to establish a grade level. In addition, a request slips are sent to the Educational Guidance Counselor who conducts an interview, if needed, to ascertain needs.

All incoming inmates are scheduled for an Education Orientation within one month of their arrival. The Educational Guidance Counselor gives a brief description of services provided to the inmates and answers questions. In addition to the group orientation, educational and vocational course offerings are also streamed daily on the inmate channel along with the requirements for each to participate.

Commonwealth Secondary Diploma/Adult Education Programming

- ABE/GED Reading
- ABE/GED Math
- ABE/GED Science
- ABE/GED Social Studies
- ESL
- Financial Literacy
- Basic Literacy
- Pathway to Success
- AZTEC Lab
- ACT 143 (VAE)
- Health
- Business Occupations (ICDL)

List of Vocational Programs and Certifications Offered:

- Cosmetology (State License)
- Custodial Maintenance (NCCER/TPC)
- Horticulture (NOCTI)
- Welding (NCCER)

Literacy: SCI Dallas offers reading classes based on the student's educational level. Reading instruction is administered to low level readers through 9th grade, by certified teachers. Tutors are utilized within the classroom to provide one-on-one guidance, under the direction of the teacher, to non-readers and struggling readers.

Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program: The CSD is offered to inmates who wish to earn their high school diploma. Transcripts are requested from the Corrections Records Center and/or the student's high school. A transcript review and a program of study is created for the student to meet the requirement of the CSD.

SCI FAYETTE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: SCI-Fayette is a maximum-security prison, which houses approximately 2,000 male inmates.

Overview of the Education Department: The Education Department at SCI-Fayette offers a variety of academic, vocational, and elective programming that is available to all inmates based on interest, need, qualifications and availability.

Overview of Education Counseling & Testing: TABE testing is administered on an as needed basis, usually once a year. The TABE enables the education counselor to diagnose, evaluate, and place inmates in the appropriate educational program.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: The education counselor or principal does the inmate orientation twice a week for all incoming inmates. Orientations are conducted within two days after the arrival of new inmates; if in general population.

Overview of the Academic Programs: The Education Department at SCI-Fayette has a compliment of five ABE instructors and one Education Guidance Counselor. The Education Department also offers Business Education, where students can earn an ICDL (International Computer Driver's License) certification.

Overview of Special Education & Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program (CSD): SCI Fayette does not have Special Education. SCI Fayette does have the CSD program, which is offered to academic students. Transcripts are obtained through the Education Dept.

Overview of any Literacy Tutoring Programs: Weekly meetings with block tutors. RHU cell study packets are delivered weekly as well as OOC contact for an SMU or stability D students.

List of Full-time Vocational Programs & Certifications Offered:

Carpentry Trades – NCCER (National Center for Construction Education & Research)

Cosmetology – PA Cosmetology License and Cosmetology Teacher

Custodial Maintenance and Repair – TPC Certification and NCCER

Electricity – NCCER

Flagging Certification

OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) – Refrigerant Transition and Recovery Certification (EPA Certificate) and NCCER, EPA 608 Universal Certification

Welding Program – NCCER and American Welders Society (AWS)

SCI FOREST EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: SCI-Forest was opened in 2004. It is a Maximum-Security Level 4 Institution located in rural Marienville, Forest County with a current population of 2277. Geographically the inmate population consists of individuals committed from many of the counties in our Commonwealth. Although located in a rural county, most of SCI-Forest's offenders are from urban areas within Pennsylvania.

Overview of the Education Department: ABE/CSD/GED classes are offered at all ability levels. Students are tested, interviewed and placed in classes based on their reading/math abilities. Students who are transferred to appropriate classes based on their individual progress and completion. The ultimate goal of the Education Department is to prepare students to pass the GED or earn their CSD and become life-long learners.

Overview of Education Counseling & Testing: Initial counseling is provided to review education records, test results, interest, and goals of the offenders. Once reviewed, additional testing may be completed to properly place the student in classes appropriate to his levels/interests. All offenders are encouraged to attend school to earn their GED or CSD and to pursue a trade that will aid them in becoming a responsible citizen upon release from the institution.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: The Education and Treatment Departments are represented at Inmate Orientation. The offenders are provided information regarding educational programs. Educational brochures are made available to the offenders which explains all of our primary academic and vocational programs. The entire educational staff are listed in these materials. Offenders and contact them via our Inmate Request process.

Overview of the Academic Programs:

ABE/GED/CSD, ESL/ELL, Pathways to Success, Personal Finance, Act 143 Victim Awareness

Overview of Special Education & Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program:

SCI-Forest no longer provides Special Education Services. Offenders who do not have a High School Diploma or GED can pursue a CSD or GED while at SCI-Forest

List of Full-time Vocational Programs & Certifications Offered:

Auto Technology-PDE, ASE; CDL,
Electricity-NCCER, Flagger, Construction Cluster-NCCER, Masonry-NCCER Green Environment-NCCER, Welding-NCCER, and Custodial Maintenance-NCCER; TPC; OSHA 10

SCI FRACKVILLE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: The State Correctional Institution at Frackville is located in Schuylkill County. It is a security level 4 correctional facility for adult males. Designed and constructed by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, opening in 1987. The facility was built as a 600-cell medium security institution to house adult male offenders. In 1992, the institution transformed to a maximum-security prison and currently houses 1292 male offenders.

Overview of the Education Department: The education program is a division of Correctional Education, which provides programming in both academic and vocational settings. The school year is divided into four twelve-week sessions with TABE testing done once or twice a year and GED testing done monthly. The academic program includes CSD, ABE, GED, ESL and Business programs. The education department also offers Personnel Finance, Pathway to Success, and Read to Your Child. RTYC is offered once per year in the fall. Personnel Finance and Pathway contain content in the following areas: Employability, consumer economics, community resources, banking, and reentry services.

The vocational programs offered at SCI Frackville are Carpentry and Custodial Maintenance. The vocational programs also offer the following as well. Construction Safety Orientation (OSHA) is a ten-hour safety program. They also offer Flagger certification which is a three-day program along with ICDL, NCCER, and Green Environment.

Frackville also has a Barber school with six chairs and provides hours of classroom work and experience that is required to prepare students for the barber examination. The department also conducts ACT 143 Victim Awareness class once every quarter for one week. The education department currently has one opening for an ABE or Vocational instructor.

Overview of Education Counseling & Testing: The education guidance counselor and principal meet with students daily to discuss any issues that arise. The ed counselor assists in attendance monitoring and hours upkeep on the DC47c. The education counselor is responsible for working with the records center at PATTEN in making sure all students have an updated transcript. The primary assessment tool used at SCI Frackville is Aztec testing along with the TABE test. We are currently on TABE 13/14 for assessment. The test is based on reading, math and language arts grade levels. ESL students will be permitted to take the TABE-E test

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: SCI Frackville's orientation is conducted every other week and it is hosted by the CEVC. All department heads made a video for orientation and it is shown to new arrivals. The education counselor puts new inmates on a callout to have them down as a group to education to discuss their education records. Anyone claiming to have a GED or HSD not verified is given a records request paper to fill out to seek verification. All students are given an education department pamphlet explaining everything that is offered through Frackville's education department. Mandatory education is required and explained according to policy (7.6.1)

Overview of the Academic Programs: The education program encompasses all academic classes including ESL. The academic classes are divided among the core subject areas that are needed to complete the CSD or take the GED test. Teachers make recommendations to the counselor and principal regarding students being ready to take the GED ready in designated subjects. Teachers have academic freedom in their classrooms and students often achieve progress every semester.

Overview of Special Education (If Available), and Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program: The Commonwealth Secondary Diploma (CSD) if offered at SCI Frackville. Inmates can complete the requirement for a high school diploma that is issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Classes are offered in communication, science, social studies, mathematics, health, technology, personal finance and pathway to success. Students are assigned to classes based on the credits they need to obtain their diploma. SCIF is a non-special education institution.

List of Full-time Vocational Programs & Certifications Offered:

SCI GREENE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Education Department: is staffed by a principal and education counselor, three full-time academic instructors, two vocational instructors, one business teacher, one librarian, and one librarian assistant, and one barber manager offer School. Classes are held during the daytime. The typical term enrollment is about 220 participants.

Overview of Education Counseling & Testing: The Test of Adult Basic Education, TABE, is used for placement by policy and test guidelines, administered via computer. The education counselor holds orientation weekly, schedules testing, and uses the results for student achievement reporting, in addition to assisting with GED® testing. As students are approved for correspondence school courses, the staff proctor exams for the individual as needed. Counseling services are available to inmates by request to staff forms, teacher referral and program necessity.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: A week after the inmates is scheduled for IRC, Initial Reception Committee, he is scheduled for education orientation, at which time the programs are reviewed, a handout is distributed, a survey is completed, and questions are answered. Those who have no recorded TABE scores, and do not have a HSD or GED® will be given the TABE locator. After being scored, the TABE is administered to those who are required to attend school. Students are re-scheduled if they are not available so that all who receive orientation are tested and appropriately determined to receive or desire education services.

Overview of the Academic Programs: Adult Basic Education Program (ABE). This program includes all classes teaching basic literacy and computational skills through the 8.9 grade level, focusing on the successful completion of the General Educational Development Test. GED®/CSD is instruction at the 9.0 to 12th grade reading and math levels, and provides instruction in the four subject areas necessary to pass the ®GED test, or meet CSD diploma requirements. The GED® is computer based and is offered throughout the semester, as students are prepared. The Money Smart 10-hour course is designed to enhance the students understanding of basic banking skills. Completion of the Pathway to Success Class is required before a student can be placed into a vocational program without a GED® HSD, or CSD diploma. The course is designed to teach job skills as well as job readiness, and assists in finalizing a career pathway for the student. In addition, Business Education is offered students can work towards their ICDL certification.

Overview of Special Education & Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program:

SCI Greene does not offer the Special Education program. The Commonwealth Secondary Diploma (CSD) Program is offered. Students receive CSD credits based on their incomplete high school transcripts, and work towards completing all missing subject area credits to earn the CSD diploma.

Overview of any Literacy Tutoring Programs: ESL is a basic literacy class. Read To Your Child/Grandchild Program - students select and practice reading a book, which they believe, will be of interest to their child/grandchild. At the end of this program, a CD video showing the inmate reading a book to his/her child/grandchild, the book, and related art work prepared by the inmate will be sent home for the family to watch and read along.

Vocational Education – This component covers development of employment skills through classroom instruction and hands on training.

List of Full-time Vocational Programs & Certifications Offered:

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) NCCER & EPA Certifications
OSHA
Flaggers
Building Trades (NCCER)

SCI-HOUTZDALE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: The State Correctional Institution at Houtzdale is a Medium Security Level 3 institution located in Clearfield County with a population of 2200. Geographically, the inmate population consists of individuals committed from all the Commonwealth counties. SCI Houtzdale currently houses an extensive SDTP population and also provides the PA DOC Motivational Bootcamp Programming.

Overview of the Education Department: In accordance with State and Federal mandates, the Academic faculty holds Level II certifications. In the area of Career & Technology education, CTE teachers possess a Vocational I certification. The Special Education Instructor, Education Counselor, Corrections Librarian, Barber Instructor and Correction School Principal are certified in their respective areas.

Overview of Education Counseling & Testing: All inmates are required to attend school unless documentation is provided that the inmate has earned a high school diploma or GED. Inmates who are 21 years of age and younger may qualify for Special Education services. Inmates who have earned a GED, High School diploma, CSD, or completed 360 hours of classroom instruction plus Pathways to Success and Money Smart, and whom have expressed interest in pursuing one of the CTC Programs are interviewed and assessed for proper placement. Initial counseling is provided to review educational records, test results, interests, staff recommendations, and short and long-range goals. Recognition of deficiencies, weaknesses, difficulties, and the establishment of educational and vocational goals is the primary focus.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: During IRC all newly arriving inmates are supplied with an education and library brochure. This orientation pamphlet is in both English and Spanish. Special Education students are immediately identified and placed into educational services. Inmate Orientation is overseen by a rotation of Unit Counselors and Facility Management, on a weekly basis. The Initial Reception Committee (IRC) identifies new inmates for the weekly orientation.

Overview of the Academic Programs:

Reading Language Arts	Mathematics	ACT 143 VAE
AZTEC Lab	Commonwealth Secondary Diploma	Pathways 2 Success
Money Smart	Life Skills	Science
Social Studies	Health	Correspondence Courses

Overview of Special Education & Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program (CSD): SCI Houtzdale follows the directives and uses the forms and procedures outlined in the Pennsylvania Department of Education Implementation handbook and State Standards and Regulations with regard to Special Education. (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400, et seq. and Chapter 14, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Special Education and Services Regulations, 22 Pa. Code §14.101, et seq.)

Career & Technical Education Programs & Certifications Offered:

Barbering – State Licensure	Custodial Maintenance (TPC)	Flagger
NCCER Core	Carpentry – NCCER	Materials Handling/Warehousing
C Tech	Electricity	OSHA

SCI HUNTINGDON EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: One of Huntingdon's most notable landmarks is the State Correctional Institution at Huntingdon. Located along the bank of the Juniata River, SCI Huntingdon opened in February 1889 as the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory. Today, the institution houses approximately 2,100 inmates and employs approximately 650 staff, half of these being corrections officers. The basics of bricklaying, carpentry, painting, and other trades flourish through the institution's maintenance programs and vocational training. Many of the same shops used in 1889 are still being used today.

Overview of the Education Department: SCI-Huntingdon's academic and vocational programs are directly supervised by the Department of Corrections and monitored by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Our staff offers a variety of courses and programs. Both academic and vocational classes are offered year-round. The educational program allows for flexible scheduling that permits inmates to enter at any time and to proceed at their own learning pace. Through these programs, we provide the means to fulfill our mission statement, which is to provide educational opportunities, which will enable students to become responsible and productive in a diverse society.

Overview of Education Counseling & Testing: Education counseling is available to all inmates. Most counseling sessions are one-on-one; however, occasionally group counseling is done. The education staff offers various tests, which include the TABE, GED, GED Ready, vocational interest surveys, and college exams.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: The Education Department Counselor conducts a complete orientation to the inmates of the educational programs that are available. All new inmates are called to an orientation session within a week of their arrival where they are given a school brochure, in either Spanish or English. Each inmate is scheduled for a follow-up interview within two weeks of the initial orientation session. A prescriptive plan is developed with each inmate according to his strengths and weaknesses.

Overview of the Academic Programs: The education staff at SCI-Huntingdon offers a wide variety of academic classes to the inmates, including both adult basic education and GED level classes. The classes are highly individualized and enrollment is mostly open entry and open exit. We also offer the Pathway to Success program, ACT 143 Victim Awareness, and Money Smart.

Overview of Special Education & Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program: SCI Huntingdon does not have a Special Education program. However, guidelines and provisions are in place to provide services to a special needs student until transferred to an appropriate institution. The Commonwealth Secondary Diploma program is available for inmates to pursue their high school diploma in a credit-based program.

Overview of any Literacy Tutoring Programs: Many teachers employ tutor(s) to assist students in their classes who struggle with reading and content.

Overview of College Programming: SCI Huntingdon is not directly offering Pell-Funded classes. We post for the programs held elsewhere and assist our perspective students in preparing the necessary materials for consideration and ensure they are sent to the proper representatives. We actively partner with Juniata College to offer Inside Out Classes.

List of Vocational Programs & Certifications Offered:

Barbering- State licensure as Barber Manager
Building Trades- NCCER (Core and Construction Technology)
Carpentry- NCCER (Core and Carpentry)
CDL (planning for permit and licensing)
Flagger Certification
OSHA Ten-Hour Construction Certification
Printing-PIA/GATF

SCI LAUREL HIGHLANDS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: The State Correctional Institution at Laurel Highlands is located in Somerset County, in Somerset Township, along Route 31, approximately one mile from the Borough of Somerset. The facility opened July 1, 1996, as a security level 2 facility for adult male inmates. The facility occupies the former Somerset State Hospital property. SCI-Laurel Highlands serves as the Commonwealth's provider to inmates with special needs; namely, long-term care, wheelchair, dialysis and geriatric inmates, as well as general population inmates.

Overview of the Education Department: The primary function of the Education Department is to develop and schedule appropriate academic and vocational courses. These serve as resources to be used by institutional support teams in developing a Correctional Plan to meet the needs of an inmate during his incarceration and to help him prepare for a successful reentry into society upon his release.

Overview of Education Counseling & Testing: Once arriving at SCI-Laurel Highlands, the Education Counselor reviews every inmate's DC47C Data/Educational Record. The counselor meets individually with inmates to determine and access educational goals. The Education Guidance Counselor/Teacher tests those inmates that are not tested upon reception at SCI-Camp Hill, upon arrival at SCI-Laurel Highlands and entered into school.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: The Education Counselor provides an orientation brochure and video describing the educational programs at SCI-Laurel Highlands to each inmate. The programs are discussed and questions answered during an orientation meeting with selected inmates.

Overview of the Academic Programs: MGED (0-5); MGED (5-8); MGED Unit Study; MGED Personal Care and Long-Term Care; MGED (9-12) and ESL. Aztec Lab utilized once a week by all.

Overview of Special Education and Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program: Adult Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program

List of Full-time Vocational Programs & Certifications Offered:

- Cosmetology/Cosmetology Teacher – State Licensure
- NCCER
- Custodial Maintenance – TPC Floor Care
- Serv Safe
- Pennsylvania Pesticide Applicator Certification.
- Flagger Certification
- OSHA Ten-Hour Construction Certification
- Green Environment
- TPC Horticulture/Landscaping
- Spotted Lantern Fly
- Worker Protection Standard

SCI-MAHANOY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of Institution: SCI Mahanoy is a medium custody level institution. It is located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. There are 10 housing units including the RHU with approximately 2300 inmates. The education area is located in the Program Services Building in the center of the compound.

Overview of the Education Department: SCI Mahanoy offers a variety of educational opportunities geared towards a successful re-entry. Our program consists of six academic instructors, three vocational instructors, and a licensed barber instructor. Academic programming is structure for students to work towards their Commonwealth Secondary Diploma and/or GED. Vocational programming offers a variety of state and nationally recognized certification. The Barber Program is designed to allow students to obtain their barber license, but also if they way to pursue further career options they can also work towards their teacher and/or manager licenses.

Overview of Education Counseling & Testing: An Education Guidance Counselor on staff to assist inmates in meeting their needs and goals. TABE testing, GED Ready and GED tests are instruments that are used to aid in proper placement.

Overview of Inmate Orientation: Each new inmate housed at SCI Mahanoy is scheduled for a half-day orientation. Orientation is held on Tuesday morning each week. Various departments send representatives to discuss specifics from their area. The Educational Guidance Counselor concludes the orientation by presenting inmates with library and education brochures that describe classes, mandates and processes for placement on vocational waiting lists. Each inmate is addressed and spoken to individually to discuss the verification process and mandatory and voluntary academic education. If TABE testing is necessary, the counselor sets up appointments at that time.

Overview of Academic Programs: Adult Basic Education classes are held five days per week, and are planned in accordance with Chapter 4 Standards to allow students the opportunity to take either their GED and/or attain their Commonwealth Secondary Diploma (CSD). SCI-Mahanoy offers English as a Second Language (ESL) for those students whose primary language is not English. We also offer College Readiness program that is geared towards students who have obtain their GED or CSD and are focusing on further their educational through correspondence courses or through PELL program offered within the Department of Corrections at a variety of institutions.

Currently SCI-Mahanoy has a partnership with Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania – Bloomsburg University for eligible students to get a completion certification in Restorative Justice.

Overview of Adult Literacy Tutoring Programs: Instructors are able to hire tutors for their classrooms to assist their students as needed. There is also a Bi-Lingual tutor within the education department to assist in translation.

List of all Full-time Vocational Programs & Certificates Offered:

- Barbering - State License, Teacher License, Manager License
- Building Trades – NCCER (Core & Carpentry I-II)
- Commercial Driver's License – Preparation Course
- Diesel Technology - NOCTI
- International Computer Driver's License (ICDL)
- Warehouse Operations' and Forklift Permit
- Flagger Certification
- OSHA Ten-Hour Construction Certification and 30-Hour Certification
- Custodial Maintenance

SCI MERCER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of Institution: The State Correctional Institution at Mercer is located in Mercer County in the Northwestern Region of Pennsylvania. The facility was constructed in 1987 on approximately 300 acres of farm grounds, with thirty-seven acres comprising of the compound. The facility currently holds approximately 1300 minimum level inmates.

Overview of the Education Department: The Education Department at SCI-Mercer offers educational assessments and a wide range of academic and vocational programs. These programs when mastered, allow the inmate to reenter society with marketable job skills. Most of our programs are designed as open-entry, open exit components. This allows the student to progress at his own rate. Each program assists the student in acquiring and applying critical thinking and lifelong learning skills as well as giving him the ability to develop, practice and apply academic skills. The Vocational programs offered provide performance knowledge and vocational competence and occupational skills required for the field of choice. SCI-Mercer has five Adult Basic Education Teachers, four Vocational Teachers, one Barber Teacher, and one Education Guidance Counselor.

Overview of Education Counseling and Testing: Assessment, counseling and guidance services are ongoing at SCI-Mercer with a refining of inmate's academic and vocational needs, goals, and objectives. Additionally, students can request to meet with the Education Counselor or the School Principal to address any concerns. New arrivals that have not been TABE tested by SCI Camp Hill, will be TABE 13/14 tested here by the educational guidance counselor.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: All inmates are provided an orientation within two weeks of arrival. The Education Guidance Counselor coordinates the new inmate orientation process, education counseling services, TABE 13/14 testing, and the maintenance of all educational records. All inmates new to the general inmate population receive an education departmental orientation during which a review of educational and work history, TABE testing review, individual conference, and program selections are conducted. Individual counseling is available through either inmate requests or institutional staff referral.

Overview of the Academic Programs: All Academic programs at SCI-Mercer follow the Subject Specific model. Students are interviewed by the Education Guidance Counselor and then placed in a class based on his needs. A transcript is created based on the academic information provided. Student levels are identified by the instructor and a learning plan is developed for each student. Students work both independently and as a group on all subjects required to pass the GED or complete a CSD. Those that choose to do so, work toward a Commonwealth Diploma combining credits previously earned with those earned in while incarcerated. Transcripts are submitted to the Department of Education for approval.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

CSD
GED (9.0 – 12.9 GE)
ELL (thru GED levels)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Pathways to Success
Personal Finance
Applied Technology
Victims Awareness ACT 143

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

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| A. Business Education/ Computer Lab | ICDL, NOCTI Certification |
| B. Automotive Repair | PA State Inspection License, MAC and Virtual Welder and CDL |
| C. Barber School | PA State License Barbering |
| D. Building Trades | NCCER CORE, CSSO, Level 1, OSHA, Flagger, Green Environment |
| E. Custodial Maintenance | NCCER CORE, CSSO, TPC, OSHA, Flagger |

SCI MUNCY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: SCI Muncy is a level 4, close security, adult female facility. The main institution complex occupies approximately 25 acres, which is enclosed with a perimeter fence. This facility is the Diagnostic and Classification Center for all incoming female inmates with an operational capacity of 1,502.

Overview of the Education Department: The SCI Muncy Education Department offers alternative, non-traditional education, as the majority of inmates have failed at traditional education. Consequently, our programs are student centered maximizing the use of self-paced and one-on-one instruction. The goal is to increase student responsibility, enhance learning efficiency, and ensure a greater likelihood of student success.

Overview of Education Counseling & Testing: The TABE-PC provides automated administration, scoring, and reporting of the Test for Adult Basic Education on a personal computer. It is implemented at Muncy on two levels. First, the DCC Unit Manager provides a list of new commitments for TABE testing in the school. The tests are scheduled one day a week. Second, the TABE is scheduled for general population to accommodate post-testing. The availability of counseling and education opportunities is explained at the orientation, posted in the housing units, and in the "Inmate Handbook".

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: Each new inmate at SCI-Muncy is housed in the DCC for testing and orientation. After the assessment period, the Education Guidance Counselor meets with all inmates classified for Muncy. Academic and Vocational information provided to newly arrived inmates at their initial education orientation includes TABE review and interpretation, resource information, and the school brochure reflecting class offerings.

Overview of the Academic Programs: Academic programs operate four periods a day, one and a half hour each, Monday through Friday. Classes start at 0805 and end at 1600. The Resource Room is held in the afternoon and evening to allow inmates who work full time or who have therapeutic programming the opportunity for educational services. Higher education courses are offered for those who qualify.

Overview of Special Education & Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program: The Department of Corrections assures ongoing identification and screening of students who are thought to be exceptional, in need of Special Education programs, and services. Students confined to state institutions retain all rights to a free and appropriate Public Education (FAPE). The Commonwealth School Diploma has a standardized core curriculum. It consists of set courses, similar to those specified in public education, that fulfill graduation requirements for the students attending an alternative school. The school day will provide for five- and one-half hours of instructional time. The CSDP accommodates regular and special education students.

Overview of any Literacy Tutoring Programs: The Penn State/Muncy Tutor program provides one-on-one tutorial sessions for students identified as non-readers, ABE students, and academic tutoring in preparation for GED testing. Tutoring is scheduled on an individual basis and is voluntary program.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

- Automotive
- Cosmetology - State License
- Horticulture
- Restaurant Trades – ServSafe
- Machine Shop – TPC
- Fiber Optics
- Flagger Certification

SCI PHOENIX EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: SCI Phoenix is a security level 4 facility with a capacity of 3,863 individuals. The institution consists of East and West compounds, each with housing units and Program Services buildings.

Overview of Education Department: Educational services are provided on both compounds under one Corrections School Principal. Each side is staffed by Academic Teachers, Career and Technical Instructors, and an Educational Guidance Counselor. Two Main Libraries, two Mini Law Libraries (A and B), and one Capital Case Mini Law Library (M) provide LexisNexis access. Both main Law Libraries offer multiple sessions seven days per week; Mini Law Libraries are open daily by request and availability. Main Libraries provide legal, reference, leisure, and reentry materials, word processing, and copying and printing at \$0.10 per page. Inmates request access and notary services using a DC-135A; Library staff deliver requested materials and provide notary services in specialized housing. PA Law Inter Library Loan (LILL) is available to all inmates. All Library staff are Notaries Public.

Overview of Educational Counseling & Testing: All individuals may request educational programming by submitting a request slip to an Educational Guidance Counselor. Both compounds have GED testing centers accommodating up to ten students per session for individual subjects or the full test battery. Computer labs support TABE testing and academic skill development through Aztec software.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: Upon arrival, students without a verified high school diploma or GED receive a packet explaining their mandatory education status under policy 7.6.1. Enrollment priority is given to mandatory students within five years of their minimum release date. Students may be waitlisted when space is limited and may continue working around their class schedules once enrolled.

Overview of Academic Program: Weekday Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes prepare students for high school equivalency. Students reaching an eighth-grade achievement level on TABE may pursue the GED by successfully completing GED Ready practice tests and official subject exams. Eligible students may take Villanova University courses during the fall and spring semesters. Academic and vocational participation is considered a work assignment, with compensation based on actual attendance under the inmate pay plan.

Overview of Special Education & Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program: Students may earn a Commonwealth Secondary Diploma by completing 16 academic credits through structured coursework. A blended pathway combining GED scores and academic credits is also available. As we are an adult institution that does not house school-aged youth, we do not provide special education services. However, students previously identified that are visiting on a temporary transfer are immediately enrolled in appropriate academics and SCI Phoenix's certified classroom teachers work in tandem with the student's home institution Special Education teacher to provide continuity of service.

Overview of Literacy Tutoring Programs: In addition to a partnership with Prison Literacy Project (PLP), SCI Phoenix's block tutors provide peer academic support to incarcerated individuals, with an emphasis on reading, comprehension, and vocabulary development. Tutors help learners understand instructional materials, practice skills, and work through assignments across academic subjects. Monthly tutor training strengthens their ability to explain concepts, provide supportive feedback, and adapt assistance to individual learning needs.

List of Full-time Vocational Programs & Certifications Offered:

Business – NOCTI certification

Warehouse Operations – NCCER CORE, NCCER Green Environment, Forklift, and MHI certifications

Restaurant Trades – ServSafe Manager and NOCTI Commercial Foods certifications

Custodial Maintenance – NCCER CORE, NCCER Green Environment, SkillCraft Flooring, NCCER Plumbing, NCCER Electric certifications

Barbering – PA State Barber License

Barber Manager – PA State Barber Manager License

SCI PINE GROVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: Located in Indiana County, SCI-Pine Grove is a maximum-security facility that houses male juveniles (14-17), young male adults (18-21), and adult male offenders (22+). Ground breaking occurred on May 11, 1998, as part of an administrative initiative to provide an institution specific for the Young Adult Offender (YAO) population. SCI-Pine Grove was officially dedicated on February 23, 2001. The first inmates began arriving January 9, 2001. The operational capacity for the institution is 1,050 individuals.

Overview of the Education Department: SCI-Pine Grove is certified to provide Regular Education *and* Special Education programming. Students can work towards a Commonwealth Secondary Diploma (CSD) or General Education Development (GED). Programming is provided year-round with a one-week term break between each of the four quarters.

Overview of Education Counseling and Testing: Education counseling is provided by a certified Education Guidance Counselor on a one-to-one basis. Other counseling may include the Principal, Unit Manager, and/or Unit Counselor. The Education Department conducts a variety of testing: TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education), GED Ready, GED, NCCER, the O-Net Interest Inventory, and the proctoring of college exams.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: Adult offenders most typically arrive on Tuesdays and juvenile offenders most typically arrive on Wednesdays. These offenders are placed in varied housing as per their age and other criterion. Unit Counselors meet with the incoming offenders and provide orientation. Academic and Vocational information are provided during orientation. Education plans are then created based upon all available data.

Overview of the Academic Programs: Academic programs are available Monday through Friday between 0800 and 1500 hours. In maintaining compliance with all Federal/State policy, the master schedule is designed to create separation between our various ages of students as well as inclusion-model special education programming.

Overview of Special Education (if available) and Commonwealth Secondary Diploma program: Special education services are provided to eligible students. Evaluation Reports and Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are developed in accordance with state and federal standards. Students are enrolled for either the Commonwealth Secondary Diploma (CSD) or the GED programming. Regular education school age students can earn a high school diploma through earning the required 16 credits. Special education students may attain their CSD by attaining the required 16 credits, or, in certain circumstances, by meeting the goals and objectives of their IEP.

Overview of any Literacy Tutoring programs: Instructors utilize tutors within the classroom to assist students requiring individual assistance. When needed, a Spanish-speaking tutor will assist with language barriers between student(s) and instructor(s).

List of career and technical programs and certifications offered: The Vocational Programs offered include Carpentry, HVAC, Custodial Maintenance (currently vacant), Horticulture/Landscaping, and Your Role in the Green Environment. Certifications are also available in the areas of OSHA 10, EPA, NCCER CORE, Spotted Lanternfly, Worker Protection Standard, and Flagger Force.

SCI SMITHFIELD EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: SCI-Smithfield is a security level 4 facility with a current population of approximately 1,300 incarcerated individuals. The Security Level 5 Housing Unit (SL5HU), currently houses 73 individuals. SCI-Smithfield also has a Behavioral Management Unit (BMU), which currently houses 7 individuals. The Therapeutic Community offers programming to approximately 60 individuals. There are currently 513 employees at SCI-Smithfield.

Overview of Education Department: When fully staffed, the Education Department will employ three Adult Basic Education teachers, one Business Occupations / Technology teacher, two Vocational teachers, one Barber Manager, one Librarian, one Librarian Assistant, one Educational Guidance Counselor, one Clerical Assistant 2, and a School Principal. The school operates from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM five days per week to meet the needs of the incarcerated individuals at SCI-Smithfield. The institutional library is available to individuals seven days per week, including five evenings each week.

Overview of Educational Counseling & Testing: The Educational Guidance Counselor is available to individuals during the education orientation sessions and by appointment to discuss educational programs and placement. TABE testing is done at least annually for all students, but not more than once in a six-month period. At a minimum, the official GED® tests and GED® Ready tests are administered monthly.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: Education Orientation is held weekly in the Education Department. New arrivals to the facility are scheduled to attend the orientation session with the Educational Guidance Counselor or Corrections School Principal. The individuals are given information about the mandatory education program, school schedule, and details about the academic and vocational programs. They are also given the opportunity to meet with the Educational Guidance Counselor to review and discuss their educational goals.

Overview of Academic Program: Our academic programs provide coursework for students from the K-12th grade levels, including classroom sessions for students with Limited English Proficiency (ESL/ELL). Literacy skills are the focus for students with lower reading levels. The Pathway to Success classes and Personal Finance classes are offered in the AM and PM. The Act 143 - Victim Awareness classes are offered at least quarterly. Adult Basic Education students are provided instruction to improve their overall literacy, math, and basic life skills. Commonwealth Secondary Diploma students are provided instruction in Communications, Math, Science, Social Studies, Technology, and Health to provide them the necessary credits to earn their Commonwealth Secondary Diploma. GED® students are provided instruction in Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

Overview of Special Education & Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program: SCI-Smithfield is an adult facility and we do not provide special education services.

Overview of Literacy Tutoring Programs: The classroom teachers use tutors to assist with one-on-one tutoring and small group instruction. Tutors are trained by the teacher they are assigned to.

List of Full-time Vocational Programs & Certifications Offered:

- Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning-NCCER Certification, ESCO, EPA, OSHA
- Building Trades – Construction Technology Program-NCCER Certification
- Business Program-ICDL Certification
- Barber Manager Program - PA State Barber Manager's License

SCI SOMERSET EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Overview of the Institution: SCI-Somerset is a medium security facility for adult males. The total inmate population as of May 25, 2023 is 1,652. The Institution is located in Somerset County. It is situated on approximately 300 acres of land, with 63 acres of said land situated inside a double 14-foot fence. Inside the fence are six L-3 housing units with a capacity of 128 cells each, two new housing units of custody L-4 designed with 124 cells each, one L-2 housing unit, one L-5-unit, twelve infirmary beds, an education/activities complex, a maintenance/industry complex, a dietary complex, and laundry facilities. The American Correctional Association has accredited SCI-Somerset three times.

Overview of the Education Department: Education within SCI-Somerset has two main educational thrusts: first, Academic programs, which include ABE/GED, Special Education and Post-Secondary Education; and second, Vocational Education. The Education Department also provides the opportunity for students to participate in Integrated Pre-Vocational program, apprenticeship programs and correspondence courses.

Overview of Education Counseling & Testing: The counseling program at Somerset utilizes an education counselor to assist the population in determining their strengths relative to available academic and vocational programs. Standardized testing is used for class placement and program enrollment.

Overview of Education Orientation: The orientation process at Somerset is conducted on a biweekly basis for new arrivals. At this orientation, the population is exposed to all programs available to them and the process by which they can participate in them.

Overview of the Academic Programs: Adult Basic Education subject specific classes for, General Equivalency Diploma, English as a Second Language, and Special Education classes and the Adult Commonwealth Secondary High School Diploma are offered for all ability levels. Students are placed in classes based on their tested abilities in reading and mathematics. The ultimate goal of the Education Department is to prepare ABE/GED students to pass the GED Test, develop integrated skills that will enable them to obtain a Commonwealth Diploma.

Overview of Special Education & Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program: The Special Education Program at SCI-Somerset is an open-entry/open-exit program designed to diagnose and remediate the academic deficiencies of exceptional learners. The program's core curriculum consists of language arts, mathematics, the sciences, social studies, and basic computer applications with an emphasis on reading and mathematics. Students are also taught skills needed for today's workforce through individualized planned instruction. Individuals completing the program with satisfactory progress are awarded a Commonwealth Secondary Diploma.

List of Full-time Vocational Programs & Certifications Offered:

Barbering – State Licensure
Carpentry – NCCER (Core and Carpentry)
HVAC – NCCER (Core and HVAC) and 608 & 609 Refrigeration Handling
Electricity – NCCER (Core and Electricity)
Plumbing – NCCER (Core and Plumbing)
Masonry – NCCER (Core and Masonry)
Flagger Certification
OSHA Ten-Hour Construction Certifications

SCI Waymart Education Programs

Overview of the Institution: The population at SCI Waymart is about 1200. It is classified as a Level 2 institution and is located in Wayne County. There are multiple specialized housing units for offenders with various mental health classifications. These units are the Forensic Treatment Center (FTC), Intermediate Care Unit (ICU), Residential Care Unit (RCU), Diversionary Treatment Unit (DTU), and the Mental Health Unit (MHU). There are also housing units for aging and infirm offenders. These are the Personal Care Unit (PCU), and the Skilled Nursing Unit (SNU). SCI Waymart has an open dorm setting for general population. There is an outside housing unit with sixty beds for general population offenders. This is also an open dorm setting.

Overview of the Education Department: The education department consists of academic teachers, career and technical teachers, an educational counselor, a principal, a librarian, and a librarian assistant. The staff focuses on providing relevant and engaging learning opportunities for all offenders at SCI Waymart. These offerings include, academic and vocational classroom instruction, GED prep in computer labs, hands-on learning in vocational programs, book clubs, and library sessions. If students are unable to attend classes in classrooms, teachers provide educational programming on housing units or through packet education to students in the outside housing unit.

Overview of Education Counseling and Testing: Education counseling is provided to all mandatory students upon arrival and then as needed. Educational counseling is provided to voluntary students upon request. Annual TABE testing occurs for all mandatory students. GED and GED-Ready testing occurs monthly.

Overview of Inmate Education Orientation: Orientation for interested students is provided shortly after arrival in a small group session. Mandatory students and interested vocational students receive one-on-one counseling with the educational guidance counselor.

Overview of Academic Programs: Academic programming is offered year-round through four twelve-week semesters. All students "on-level" are eligible to participate. Classes in Business, ESL/ELL, Health, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Technology are offered daily. Semester grades are recorded on DC47Cs. Each classroom is equipped with an interactive whiteboard. Aztec software is used weekly to prepare academic students for GED-Ready and GED assessments.

Overview of Special Education (if available) and Commonwealth Secondary Diploma Program: SCI Waymart is a non-identified Institution. It does not have any Special Education students. Mandatory students are enrolled in the Commonwealth Secondary Diploma (CSD) Program and can earn a diploma issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. 16 credits are required to earn a CSD. Students are typically enrolled in two classes each semester. GED scores of 145 and higher can be used to earn CSD credits. CSD students must pass sixty-hour financial literacy and career planning courses.

Overview of any Literacy Tutoring Programs: Peer tutoring is available in classrooms, the library, and on the housing units. Teachers determine tutoring needs during in-person classes. Tutoring on the housing units and in the library is voluntary. Interpreters are also available to students learning the English language.

List of career and technical programs and certifications offered: **Carpentry** – NCCER Carpentry, NCCER Core, NCCER Your Role in the Green Environment **Cosmetology** - PA State Cosmetology License, PA State Cosmetology Teacher License, **Landscaping Design/Horticulture** – NOCTI Horticulture/Landscaping, **Restaurant Trades** - ServSafe Manager, NOCTI-ACF Commercial Baking, and NOCTI-ACF Cooks

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Camp Hill	Muncy
Cambridge Springs	Pine Grove
Houtzdale	Somerset

COMMONWEALTH SECONDARY DIPLOMA

Albion	Benner
Camp Hill	Cambridge Springs
Chester	Coal Township
Dallas	Fayette
Forest	Frackville
Greene	Houtzdale
Huntingdon	Laurel Highlands
Mahanoy	Mercer
Muncy	Phoenix
Pine Grove	Smithfield
Somerset	Waymart

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Bellefonte, PA 16823
814-353-3630

SCI Cambridge Springs
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Cambridge Springs, PA 16403
Phone: 814-398-5400

SCI Camp Hill
2500 Lisburn Road
Camp Hill, PA 17001
Phone: 717-737-4531

SCI Chester
500 E. 4th Street
Chester, PA 19013
Phone: 610-490-5412

SCI Township
1 Kelley Drive
Coal Township, PA 17866
Phone: 570-644-7890

SCI Dallas
1000 Follies Road
Dallas, PA 18612
Phone: 570-675-1101

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LaBelle, PA 15450-1050
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Marienville, PA 16239
Phone: 814-927-8456

SCI Frackville
1111 Altamont Boulevard
Frackville, PA 17931
Phone: 570-874-4516

SCI Greene
169 Progress Drive
Waynesburg, PA 15370
Phone: 724-852-2902

SCI Houtzdale
P.O. Box 1000, 209 Institution Dr.
Houtzdale, PA 16698
Phone: 814-378-1000

SCI Huntingdon
1100 Pike Street
Huntingdon, PA 16654
Phone: 814-643-2400

SCI Laurel Highlands
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Somerset, PA 15501
Phone: 814-445-6501

SCI Mahanoy
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Frackville, PA 17932
Phone: 570-773-2158

SCI Mercer
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Mercer, PA 16137
Phone: 412-662-1837

SCI Muncy
P.O. Box 180 Route 405
Muncy, PA 17756
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SCI Pine Grove
189 Fyock Road
Indiana, PA 15701
Phone: 724-465-9630

SCI Smithfield
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Huntingdon, PA 16652
Phone: 814-643-6520

SCI Somerset
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CORRECTIONS EDUCATION OFFICE REGIONAL LIAISONS

North Kammy Hoover	Central Jeff Magnani	South Brittany Kimmel
ALB	BEN	CAM
CBS	COA	CHS
DAL	FRA	FYT
FRS	HOU	GRN
MER	HUN	LAU
MUN	MAH	PHX
WAM	SMI	PNG
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