

HIGHER EDUCATION IN PRISON (HEP) PROGRAMS IN ILLINOIS

This map depicts the gaps in HEP accessibility in Illinois as of December 2021. It shows the location of the 11 HEP programs offered at 11 out of 28 (less than 40%) Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) correctional facilities. While students have access to individual courses in 11 facilities, Bachelor of Arts/Science degrees are only offered at 4 IDOC facilities. Only 1 IDOC facility offers a Master of Arts degree. There are 17 IDOC facilities, the majority in central and southern Illinois, that do not offer any HEP programming.

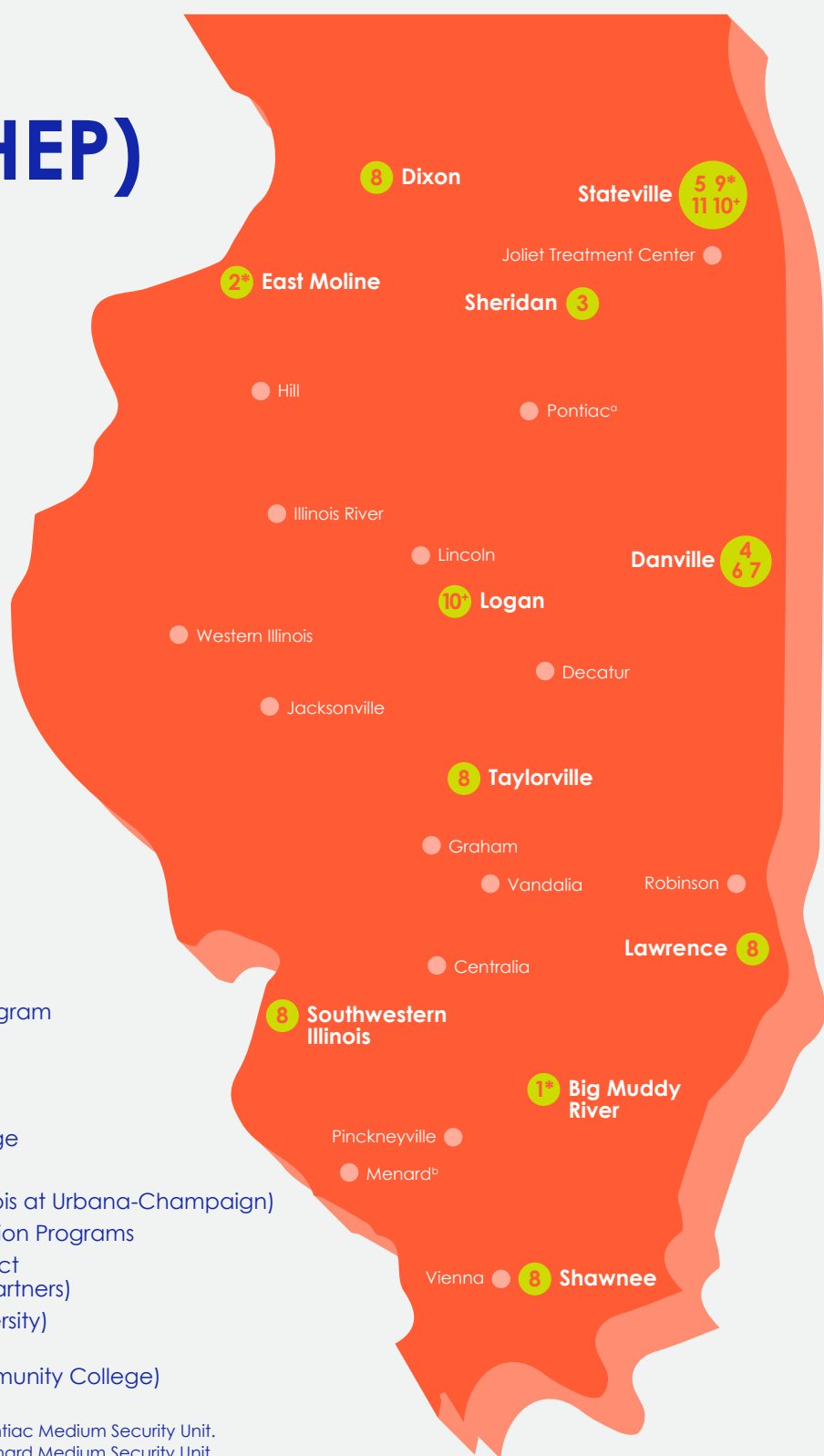
LEGEND

- IDOC facility with HEP programs
- IDOC facility without HEP programs
- * Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts
- + Master of Arts

HEP Programs

- 1 Adler University Bachelor's Completion Program
- 2 Augustana Prison Education Program
- 3 Benedictine University Inside-Out Program
- 4 Danville Area Community College
- 5 DePaul University Inside-Out Prison Exchange
- 6 Eastern Illinois University
- 7 Education Justice Project (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
- 8 Lake Land College Department of Correction Programs
- 9 Prison+Neighborhood Arts/Education Project (Northeastern Illinois University with other partners)
- 10 School of Restorative Arts (North Park University)
- 11 Northwestern Prison Education Program (Northwestern University and Oakton Community College)

^a This location includes: Pontiac Correction Center and Pontiac Medium Security Unit.
^b This location includes Menard Correction Center and Menard Medium Security Unit.



PROFILES OF HEP PROGRAMS IN ILLINOIS

Data contained in profiles was collected through program surveys, interviews of program administrators, and internet research. When possible, information included in program profiles was confirmed by a current program administrator. Profiles with an asterisk (*) after the Program Name have been confirmed. The information contained in this directory is current as of December 2021.

ADLER UNIVERSITY BACHELOR'S COMPLETION PROGRAM*

Affiliated Higher Education Institution: Adler University
IDOC Facility: Big Muddy River Correctional Center
Annual Enrollment: 10
For-Credit Offerings: Bachelor of Science in Applied Psychology
Admissions Requirements: 60 undergraduate credit hours
Additional Programming: N/A
Academic Support: Academic Advising, Proctors, Digital Library
Post-Incarceration Support: Referrals for Transitional Homes and Support Services
Financing: Foundation Grants, Support from Higher Education Institution
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AUGUSTANA PRISON EDUCATION PROGRAM*

Affiliated Higher Education Institution: Augustana College
IDOC Facility: East Moline Correctional Center
Annual Enrollment: 10 – 20
For-Credit Offerings: Bachelor of Arts
Admissions Requirements: GED
Additional Programming: Non-Credit Courses, Book Clubs
Academic Support: Tutoring, Academic Advising
Post-Incarceration Support: Employment Opportunities
Financing: Foundation Grants, Support from Higher Education Institution, Individual Donors/Gifts
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BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY INSIDE-OUT PROGRAM*

Affiliated Higher Education Institution: Benedictine University
IDOC Facility: Sheridan Correctional Center
Annual Enrollment: 10
For-Credit Offerings: Inside-Out Courses, Individual Courses
Admissions Requirements: N/A
Academic Support: N/A
Post-Incarceration Support: N/A
Financing: Foundation Grants, Support from Higher Education Institution, Publisher Donations
Contact: Chez Rumpf, Associate Professor, crumpf@ben.edu

N/A

Affiliated Higher Education Institution: Danville Area Community College
IDOC Facility: Danville Correctional Center
Annual Enrollment: Unknown
For-Credit Offerings: Associate of Arts, Associate of General Studies
Admissions Requirements: Unknown
Additional Programming: Vocational Certificates
Academic Support: Tutoring, Academic Advising, Proctors, Academic Library
Post-Incarceration Support: Unknown
Financing: State Government Grants/Contracts

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY INSIDE-OUT PRISON EXCHANGE*

Affiliated Higher Education Institution: DePaul University
IDOC Facility: Stateville Correctional Center
Annual Enrollment: 12
For-Credit Offerings: Inside-Out Courses
Admissions Requirements: Desire to learn as expressed through an essay
Additional Programming: Think Tanks, Book Clubs
Academic Support: Tutoring, Academic Advising
Post-Incarceration Support: Academic Advising
Financing: Support from Higher Education Institution
Website: <https://resources.depaul.edu/steans-center-community-basedservice-learning/for-students/community-service-studies/Pages/Inside-Out-Prison-Exchange.aspx>
Contact: Helen Damon-Moore, Director, hdamonmo@depaul.edu

N/A*

Affiliated Higher Education Institution: Eastern Illinois University
IDOC Facility: Danville Correctional Center
Annual Enrollment: 35
For-Credit Offerings: Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
Admissions Requirements: Unknown
Additional Programming: N/A
Academic Support: Academic Advising, Academic Library
Post-Incarceration Support: N/A
Financing: State Government Grants/Contracts
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EDUCATION JUSTICE PROJECT*

Affiliated Higher Education Institution: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
IDOC Facility: Danville Correctional Center
Annual Enrollment: 55
For-Credit Offerings: Certificate of Education Studies, Certificate of Humanities, Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language, Individual Courses
Admissions Requirements: 40 lower-division academic credit hours
Additional Programming: English as a Second Language, Anti-Violence Education, Mindfulness, Computer Programming, Computer Lab, Community Library, Student Newsletter, Workshops (STEM, Writing, Business, and Computer), Guest Lectures
Academic Support: Tutoring, Academic Advising
Post-Incarceration Support: Reentry Guides, Academic Scholarships, Emergency Loans
Financing: Foundation Grants, Support from Higher Education Institution, Individual Donors/Gifts
Website: <https://educationjustice.net/>
Contact: Ellen Ritter, Academic Director, esritte2@illinois.edu

LAKE LAND COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION PROGRAMS

Affiliated Higher Education Institution: Lake Land College
IDOC Facility: Dixon Correctional Center, Lawrence Correctional Center, Shawnee Correctional Center, Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center, Taylorville Correctional Center
Annual Enrollment: Varies: 131 in 2020; approx. 3,000 in 2017-2019 (see <https://www.lakelandcollege.edu/wp-content/laker-documents/dv/ir/EAR%202021%20DOC.pdf> for more information)
For-Credit Offerings: Associate Degrees
Admissions Requirements: Unknown
Additional Programming: Vocational Certificates
Academic Support: Unknown
Post-Incarceration Support: Unknown
Financing: State Government Grants/Contracts

PRISON+NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS/EDUCATION PROJECT*

Affiliated Higher Education Institution: Multiple. Degree program is offered in partnership with Northeastern Illinois University.
IDOC Facility: Stateville Correctional Center
Annual Enrollment: 50 – 150
For-Credit Offerings: Bachelor of Arts, Individual Courses
Admissions Requirements: High school diploma or GED and professional, community, political, and life experiences that have resulted in significant college-level learning
Additional Programming: Non-Credit Courses, Art, Poetry, Think Tank, Guest Lectures
Academic Support: Academic Advising, Proctors, Resource Room
Post-Incarceration Support: Fellowships, Scholarships, Academic Advising
Financing: Foundation Grants, Support from Higher Education Institution, Corporate Contributions, Individual Donors/Gifts
Website: <https://p-nap.org/>
Contact: Timmy Rose, Managing Director, trose0226@gmail.com; Jason La Fountain, Higher Education Coordinator, jason@p-nap.org

SCHOOL OF RESTORATIVE ARTS*

Affiliated Higher Education Institution: North Park University
IDOC Facility: Stateville Correctional Center and Logan Correctional Center
Annual Enrollment: 80 and 20, respectively
For-Credit Offerings: Master of Arts in Christian Ministry/Restorative Arts, Certificate in Transformative Justice, Individual Courses
Admissions Requirements: High school diploma or GED and 12 months free of 100-200 level tickets
Additional Programming: Redemptive Storytelling and Other Small Group Programming, Non-Credit Workshops, Creative Writing Courses, Writing Center, Student Newsletter
Academic Support: Tutoring, Academic Advising, Group Mentoring
Post-Incarceration Support: Degree Completion, Career Services, Housing Support
Financing: Foundation Grants, Support from Higher Education Institution, Individual Donors/Gifts
Website: <https://www.northpark.edu/seminary/school-of-restorative-arts/>
Contact: Michelle Clifton-Soderstrom, Director, mclifton-soderstrom@northpark.edu

NORTHWESTERN PRISON EDUCATION PROGRAM*

Affiliated Higher Education Institution: Northwestern University
IDOC Facility: Stateville Correctional Center and Logan Correctional Center
Annual Enrollment: 40 (Stateville); 19 (Logan)
For-Credit Offerings: Associate in General Studies (Stateville) with Oakton Community College; Interdisciplinary Courses (Logan)
Admissions Requirements: High school diploma or GED
Additional Programming: Reading Groups and Book Clubs, Educational Workshops, Math and Science Study Groups, Community Building Workshops, Lecture Series
Academic Support: Study Hall, Resource Room
Post-Incarceration Support: Yes
Financing: Foundation Grants, Support from Higher Education Institution, Individual Donors/Gifts
Website: <https://sites.northwestern.edu/npep/>
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