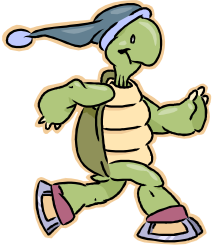
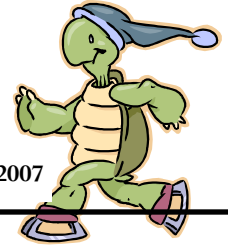




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EDUCATION AT THE SOUTH DAKOTA WOMEN'S PRISON

The education department at the South Dakota Women's Prison offers GED Instruction and basic education electives in Math, Writing, Reading comprehension, Stress management, Impact of crime on victims, Job search, Finance, and Marketing. A clerical vocational program is also available to the inmates. These programs are provided through The Right Turn, Inc.

Adult Education Program

Inmates are required to work on their GED if they do not have a high school diploma or GED already when they enter the facility. Our program offers Adult Basic Education, Literacy, and GED classes. Special Education testing and programming is available when needed and ESL instruction is implemented when a student enters the program with those needs. Teacher led classes are offered in Math, Reading, and Writing. We have computer programs and several books for inmates to use when working on the GED subjects. The program is open four days a week and includes morning, afternoon, and evening class times available to work around inmate schedules. We use the TABE test to initially find a starting point for each student's program and keep using the test to periodically check their educational gains. Inmates are offered testing dates every other Monday and can retake each test one time if they do not pass it the first time. We have been very successful with 10% of the general prison population earning a GED the past few years. This program is offered in the main building, as well as in the new unit that opened recently.

Introduction to Telecommunications

The course centers around the Interactive Telecommunications Board. Throughout the course students complete a series of Investigation Activities, through which hands-on skills are developed and practiced, and Technology Learning Activities, in which students are presented with real-life telecommunication problems to solve. Upon completion of Tier 1, students will have an exciting insight into Telecommunications ... past... present ... and ... future. They will have a basic understanding of copper and fiber optic-based cabling systems. Students will perform continuity testing on Fiber Optic, as well as Category 5 cables. In addition, each student will take home two cables which they constructed. One is a 2 pair Cable terminated with RJ-11 plugs, which they can use on their home telephone. The other is a Coaxial Cable terminated with F-Type connectors, which they can use on their TV or VCR.

Copper: Introduction To Network Cabling Copper-Based Systems prepares the student with entry into what US News & World Report has classified as one of the "best jobs" of the future. The understanding of network wiring and cabling opens a door to the future -a future where the smart buildings of today will be surrounded by the smart houses of tomorrow. Students completing this program will be prepared for entry-level jobs leading to tomorrow's careers.

Fiber Optics: Introduction To Network Cabling - Fiber Optic-Based Systems, Tier 3 of C-TECH PREP, provides students with a theoretical and hands-on knowledge of Fiber Optics. C-Tech has designed this 30-hour course (average time to completion) with input from industry professionals and educators. Students will develop the skills and the-ory sought by employers of entry-level technicians.

Commitment to Change

The purpose of this three part lesson series is to introduce and explore the concept of thinking errors, tactics, and consequences. The first session introduces the learner to Errors in Thinking, in which the participant becomes aware of how they think. The second session introduces Tactics, which are habits people use to avoid thinking of the actions that are harmful to others and themselves. Finally, Consequences helps the learner to remember past actions and the pain they have caused as a motivation to change. This is one of the classes that most inmates are required to take and is the foundation of many others.

Thank You!

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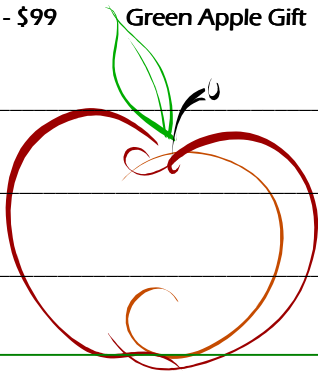
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If you would like to honor someone who has overcome obstacles in his or her life and used education as a way to a better life, you may make your contribution in his or her honor. They will receive a letter of recognition stating that someone is proud of their accomplishments and has made a contribution in their honor to help someone else in need.

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Your tax deductible donation may be designated to go specifically toward any of our programs or services. Please specify:

- Advance High
- Adult Education
- English as a Second Language
- Employability
- Computer Training
- Medical Transcription
- Medical Coding
- GED testing fees
- PACE Tutoring
- Even Start
- Other _____

Office Technology

Office Technology, Core and Advanced Curriculum (Vocational): fulfills the work/vocational requirement of the inmate's IPD and is available to those who have a high school diploma or GED.

The Core Curriculum is self-paced and includes:

- *Gregg College Keyboarding & Document Processing Lessons 1-60
- *English Review
- *Use of Dictionary and Thesaurus
- *Computer Concepts & Functions
- *Electronic Calculator
- *Filing
- *Proofreading
- *Telephone Techniques
- *Excel 2003 Book & Projects
- *Professor Teaches: Windows XP, Office XP, Word, Excel, Internet Explorer, Outlook, Publisher, Digital Media

The Advanced Curriculum is self-paced and includes:

- *Gregg College Keyboarding & Document Processing Lessons 61-120
- *QuickBooks Pro
- *PowerPoint
- *Access
- *Professor Teaches: Access, PowerPoint, FrontPage, Home & Small Business Networking.



There are many elective classes that are offered at the prison. These classes are taken by inmates who feel they could benefit from the knowledge. In addition, some programs require inmates to complete certain courses. We offer Job Finding & Keeping, Financial Responsibility, Anger and Stress Management, Domestic Violence, Thinking for a Change, Communications, Common Sense Parenting, TOTS Bright Start Parenting, Impact of Crime on Victims, Post High School Planning, Computer Keyboarding, 3M Computer-Based Building Maintenance Training, and Introduction to Food Safety. These classes are taught by the instructors at the prison, as well as some outside instructors from the community. Many of these classes are taken for certificates and credits that are earned by the inmates.