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Coffee Creek Correctional Facility women complete career program

Thirteen women in custody at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility (CCCF) celebrated the completion of a 15-month Career and Technology Training program on August 20.

The program - offered through Portland Community College - helps women in custody develop computer skills including keyboarding and proficiency in several Microsoft programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access). The 13 graduates earned their Microsoft Office Specialist certifications. In addition, they studied "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey to develop better work habits and decision-making skills.



The course offered the women hands-on experience with a variety of tasks to boost employability and work skills training, for example working in Prison Bytes, an institution stationery business. Coaching was provided in preparing cover letters and resumes, interviewing, career exploration, and planning.

Previous graduates who have released from prison credited the course as key in staying focused and setting goals. Other helpful elements from the course included punctuality, completing tasks, planning and prioritizing, and organizing time and materials. Also of benefit was working as a team, interacting professionally, and following instructions for such an extended period of time.

CCCF is a multi-custody facility in Wilsonville that houses more than 1,200 women. It provides intake and evaluation of all female and male inmates committed to state custody. CCCF delivers a range of correctional services and programs including alcohol and drug treatment, education, work opportunities, cognitive programming, and pre-release services. The minimum facility opened in 2001 and the medium facility opened in 2002. CCCF is Oregon's only women's prison.

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