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Graduation at Oregon State Correctional Institution

Oregon State Correctional Institution (OSCI) and Chemeketa Community College held their first graduation of the year on August 11. Five students earned their General Education Development (GED) certificates and three students received their associate's degrees. The graduates were able to invite their families and friends to celebrate their achievements.



Nearly half of the individuals admitted to the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) have no high school diploma or GED certificate. Research has shown inmates who participate in correctional education programs have much lower odds of recidivating than inmates who do not. Research has also shown the odds of obtaining employment post-release among adults in custody who participated in correctional education (either academic or vocational programs) were higher than the odds for those who did not.

OSCI is a medium-security men's prison in Salem that houses approximately 870 male inmates. It provides a range of correctional services and programs including education, drug and alcohol treatment, mental health treatment, religious services, inmate work crews, and transition planning. OSCI participates in prison industries with Oregon Corrections Enterprises, including a print shop and a contact center. OSCI was established by action of the 1955 Legislature and became fully operational on June 1, 1959.

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