

Nevada Department of Corrections



Correctional Programs



The Nevada Department of Correction's (NDOC) Correctional Programs Division incorporates nationally recognized risk-needs assessments during the intake and classification process to provide evidence-based psycho-educational programming, substance abuse treatment, re-entry, and transitional services. In addition, the division provides religious services, vocational training, counseling and therapy for inpatient/outpatient mental health issues, educational liaison services with local school districts, and special needs programs (for youth, aging, etc.); the Correctional Programs Division has also formed a partnership with local community colleges to offer post-secondary education opportunities. Programs Division professional staff includes mental health counselors, correctional counselors (previously psychologists), social workers, substance use disorder counselors, correctional casework specialists, program officers, chaplains, and various support staff who are critical to maintaining our programming efforts while also supporting the clinical staff. In addition to the services provided by our staff, there are approved volunteers who provide religious, 12-step, and other voluntary programming appropriate for offender participation and growth. The division's offender programs are funded in part by grants obtained by the NDOC or by partnerships with community organizations that obtain the grants and bring services to Nevada's offenders that will assist in their preparation for successful reintegration into our communities. Statutory Authority: NRS 209.4887

Criminogenic needs: "criminogenic needs" is a term relating to , "concerns that if left unaddressed or unresolved, have been known to lead an individual to crime; thereby, increasing the probability of said individual engaging in crime."

1. Antisocial Cognition
2. Antisocial Personality
3. Antisocial Associates
4. Family/Marital
5. Substance Abuse
6. Employment
7. Education
8. Leisure

Criminogenic risk factors: “Criminogenic risk factors” are characteristics, traits, problems, or issues of an individual that directly relate to the individual’s likelihood to re-offend and commit another crime.

1. Unstable parenting or family relationships
2. Inadequate education or employment
3. Substance Abuse
4. Unstable peer relationships
5. Emotional instability or poor mental health
6. Criminal orientation or thinking

Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) University of Cincinnati – Center for Criminal Justice Research

Phase	Initial Contact with the Criminal Justice System	Probation/Community Control	While in Prison	While in Prison	Parole or Post-Release Supervision
Tool	Pretrial Tool (PAT)	Community Supervision Tool (CST)	Prison Intake Tool (PII)	Reentry Tool (RT)	Community Supervision Tool (CST)
Domains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal/Supervision History (3 Items) Employment (1 Item) Substance Abuse (2 Items) Residential Stability (1 Item) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal/Supervision History (6 Items) Educ., Employ., Finances (6 Items) Family & Social Support (5 Items) Neighborhood Problems (2 Items) Substance Abuse (5 Items) Peer Assoc. (4 Items) Crim. Attitudes & Behav. Prob. (7 Items) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal History (7 Items) Educ., Employ., Finances (6 Items) Family & Social Support (5 Items) Substance Abuse (5 Items) Criminal Lifestyle (7 Items) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal History (8 Items) Social Bonds (4 Items) Criminal Attitude & Behavior Problems (7 Items) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal/Supervision History (6 Items) Educ., Employ., Finances (6 Items) Family & Social Support (5 Items) Neighborhood Problems (2 Items) Substance Abuse (5 Items) Peer Assoc. (4 Items) Crim. Attitudes & Behav. Prob. (7 Items)
# Variables	N=7	N=35	N=31	N=20 <i>* administered only to those subject to Parole or Post-Rel. Supervision</i>	N=35
Outcomes Predicted	Failure to Appear Reoffend	Technical Violations Reoffend	Reoffend	Reoffend	Technical Violations Reoffend

Dosage of treatment for offenders

- Moderate risk offenders with 3 or less needs = 100 hours of programming targeting primary criminogenic needs
- Moderate risk offenders with 4+ needs or high-risk offenders with few needs = 200 hours
- High risk and high needs = 300 hours
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- 1 – 1.5 hours per class = 67 – 100 hours of program/class participation (Moderate with 3 or less)
- 1 – 1.5 hours per class = 134 – 200 hours of program/class participation (Moderate with 4 or more)
- 1 – 1.5 hours per class = 201 – 300 hours of program/class participation (High and Very High)

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Approved Merit Credit Educational/Vocational Programs

Merit Credits	Credits Awarded Yearly	Limit	Over This Time Only	Once Per Booking	Once Per Year

Educational Programs - Section 2 DOC-1077 Form

High School Equivalency (HSE) - once per offender	60	*	X		
High School Diploma (HSD) - once per offender	90	*	X		
Associate's (AA) Degree - first Associate's Degree	120	*	X		
Additional Associate's Degree - per degree	90				
Bachelor's (BA or BS) Degree - per degree	90				
Master's (MA or MS) Degree - per degree	90				
3.5 Cumulative G.P.A. or other Exceptional Course Completion Awarded on a Case-by-Case Basis (up to a maximum of 90)	60				

Vocational/Educational Programs - Section 3 DOC-1077 Form

Advanced Computers	60				X
Air Conditioning and Heating	60				X
Auto Mechanics/Auto Shop	60				X
Automotive Technology	60				X
Business	60				X
CDL Training	60				X
Certified Screen Printer	60				X
College Certificate	60				X
Collision Repair	60				X
Computers	60				X
Computer Basics and Advanced Microsoft Essentials	60				X
Construction	60				X
Construction Gateway Craft Laborer	60				X
Culinary	60				X
Entrepreneurship	60				X
Green Technology	60				X
Heavy Equipment Operator	60		X		X
Hospitality and Tourism	60				X
Introduction to AutoCAD	60				X
Introduction to Web Design	60				X

Janitorial and OSHA Safety Training	60				
Maine-Modified	15				X
MC-3 Pre-Apprenticeship Program	60				X
Medical Billing/Coding and WHI Logistics	60				X
New Path	60				X
Plant and Science Horticulture	60				X
RESPECT	60				X
Small Engine Repair	60				X
Welding (Re-Entry)	60				X

Job Skills Programs - Section 3 DOC-1077 Form

Braille I	60				X
Braille II	60				X
Braille III	60				X
Braille IV	60				X
Braille V	60				X
Braille VI	60				X
Employment Skills	5		X		X
Financial Literacy	30				X
Forklift Operator Training	15				X
OSHA 10 Construction Safety and Health Outreach Course	10				X
Safe	30				X
Safe/Manager	30				X

NDF Programs - Section 3 DOC-1077 Form

Firefighting Basic Training S130 & S190 (NDF)	30		X		X
Require completion of both segments, passing tests, getting and keeping NDF job for 6 months or until release - whichever comes first.					
Wildland Fire Crew (by Fire) - up to a maximum of 90			X		

- For sentence credits for offenders sentenced on or before June 30, 1995, see NRS 209.433.
- For sentence credits for offenders sentenced after June 30, 1995 and before July 1, 1998 for crimes committed before July 1, 1998, see NRS 209.440.
- For sentence credits for offenders sentenced on or after July 1, 1998 and before July 17, 1997, see NRS 209.446.
- For sentence credits for offenders sentenced on or after July 17, 1997, see NRS 209.448.
- Credits for completion of program of treatment for abuse of alcohol and drugs, see NRS 209.449.
- Credits for completion of vocational education and training or other programs, see NRS 209.449.
- Programs can be taken more than once but inmate may only earn merit credits once per Booking Number.
- Inmates receiving programming while in Out of State Custody (OSC) will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for credit.

Approved by: [Signature] Date: 12-9-23

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Approved Merit Credit Core/Optional Programs

Core Correctional Programs -- Section 3 DOC-1077 Form

Institutional Requisition	Merit Credits	Limit	
		Merit Credits	One Year Only
Activity Overflow Room / Specialty Housing (up to 90 maximum)	15	X	
		X	

Core Programs:

Program	Merit Credits	One Year Only	One Year Only
Beyond Trauma	30	X	X
Beyond Violence	30	X	X
Clark County Parenting Program (all 3 sections)	30	X	X
-- Nurturing Parents & Families			
-- Teen Positive Parenting Program			
-- ABC's of Parenting			
Getting it Right: Contributing to the Community	30	X	X
Healthy Steps to Freedom (UNR Co-op Extension)	30	X	X
Helping Men Recover	30	X	X
Helping Women Recover	30	X	X
Inside/Out Dad	30	X	X
Moral Reconation Therapy			
-- Phase I	15	X	X
-- Phase II	15	X	X
-- Phase III	15	X	X
-- Phase IV	15	X	X
Parenting Inside Out 50	30	X	X
Seeking Safety			
-- Phase I	30	X	X
-- Phase II	30	X	X
Thinking for a Change	30	X	X
Victim Impact: Listen and Learn	30	X	X

Substance Abuse Program

New Light	60		X
RISE			

Footnote:
* Current merit credit awarded. Those offenders who completed this course previously, may have been awarded a different rate.

-- Phase I	60							X	X
-- Phase II	60							X	X
Therapeutic Community (TRUST, PHOENIX, STARS):									
-- Phase I	60							X	X
-- Phase II	60							X	X
-- Phase III	60							X	X
Altercare	60							X	X

Optional Programs:

Anger Management for Substance Abuse and Mental Health									
Clients									
Commitment to Change:									
-- Phase I	15		X					X	X
-- Phase II	15		X					X	X
-- Phase III	15		X					X	X
Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Part 2	30	*							
Family to Family Education Program (NAMI)	15		X					X	X
Getting Motivated to Change	5		X					X	X
Good Intentions, Bad Choices	30	*	X					X	X
Healing and Empowerment Rights of Every Survivor (HEROES)	15		X					X	X
Home from Education (NAMI)	5		X					X	X
New Direction (case program)	5		X					X	X
-- Intro Journal	5		X					X	X
-- Criminal and Addictive Thinking	15		X					X	X
-- Alcohol and Other Drug Education	15		X					X	X
-- Socialization	5		X					X	X
-- Co-Occurring Disorders	15		X					X	X
-- Relapse Prevention	15		X					X	X
-- Preparing for Release	15		X					X	X
Re-Entry After Care (RAE)	30		X					X	X
Sex Offender Treatment Program (S.O.T.P.)									
-- Phase I	30	*	X					X	X
-- Phase II	30	*	X					X	X
-- Phase III	30	*	X					X	X
-- Phase IV	30	*	X					X	X
-- Relapse Prevention (Sex Offender)									
Structured Living Program (SLP)									
-- ALPHA (1st Phase)	30		X					X	X
-- BRAVO (2nd Phase)	30		X					X	X
-- CHARLIE (3rd Phase)	30		X					X	X
Structured Reflective Reframing Program (SRRP)									
-- Phase I	30		X					X	X

-- Phase II	30							X	X
-- Phase III	30							X	X
Survivors Overcoming Abuse & Rape (SOAR)	15		X					X	X
Trauma, Shame, and Shame-Resilience	30		X					X	X

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2. For sentence credits for offenders sentenced after June 30, 1969 and before July 1, 1985 for crimes committed before July 1, 1985, see NRS 209.443.
3. For sentence credits for offenders sentenced on or after July 1, 1985 and before July 17, 1997, see NRS 209.444.
4. For sentence credits for offenders sentenced on or after July 17, 1997, see NRS 209.445.
5. Credits for completion of program of treatment for abuse of alcohol and drugs, see NRS 209.446.
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Approved by: [Signature] Date: 5-9-23

Footnote:

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Administrative Regulations: 800 Series

800 Series - Inmate Programs	Effective Date	Last Review Date
AR 800 Inmate Organizations	08/13/2010	10/20/2014
AR 801 Correctional Programs/Classes/Activities	09/07/2017	
AR 802 Community Volunteer Programs	10/15/2013	
AR 803 Nevada Department of Corrections Credit Awards	06/17/2012	
AR 804 Youthful Offender Program	10/15/2013	
AR 805 Inmate Advisory Committees	04/08/2011	
AR 810 Religious Faith Group Activities and Programs	11/16/2016	
AR 810.1 AR 810 - Attachments	03/27/2018	
AR 810.2 Faith Group Overview Chart	07/18/2019	
AR 810.3 Religious Practice Manual	09/05/2017	
AR 814 Inmate Common Fare/Religious Diets	06/17/2012	
AR 815 Inmate Marriages and Domestic Partnerships	01/14/2016	
AR 816 Pre-Release Preparation of Applications for Supplemental Security Income Claims - TEMPORARY	09/18/2018	
AR 817 Re-Entry Program	05/25/2023	08/30/2017
AR 830 Recreational Activities	05/16/2017	
AR 840 Library Services	10/17/2022	09/16/2014
AR 850 Educational Programs	05/19/2015	
AR 853 Workplace Health Requirements	05/16/2017	
AR 854 Prison Industrial Programs	05/16/2017	
AR 855 School District Employee Conduct	10/17/2022	10/15/2013

Review Committee. The committee members, individual instructor or group facilitator will have 24 appropriate reviewed and/or history.

11. Programs will be evaluated every three years by qualified individuals, and the results will be used to inform the Program Review Committee. The Quality Assurance Manager will develop the schedule for the Program Review Committee. The Quality Assurance Manager will provide the results of the Program Review Committee.

12. Alternative credits will be issued to new programs, pursuant to statute.

13. Alternative daily attendance shall be reported as NHTS by an NDOC staff person.

14. Alternative Credits will only be awarded upon completion of each core program. This option during the current incarceration and any subsequent incarceration under the same building number.

15. The submission completion of a Core Program should be documented with the completion of DOC 1077 to NHTS, and reported to the Justice Board Report.

16. An approved Non-Credit Program will be established and revised as necessary to reflect the addition and removal of programs. See ALE for further details.

801A3 - BEST PRACTICES - PROGRAMS

1. Best Practice Programs are defined as programs, taught by approved staff or volunteers, on-site in the facility, but not limited to private educational programs. Education programs and entry programs that are non-credit and are not limited to the program. The program must be approved by the program review committee and be included in the program review committee report.

2. Best Practice Programs will be taught by qualified and approved staff or volunteers.

3. Best Practice Programs shall not be eligible for alternative credits and successful completion of these programs will be reported on the Justice Board Report.

4. Best Practice Programs will be voted in the 1000 meeting on Core Programs.

5. The determination as to whether a Best Practice Program is eligible for alternative credits and entry programs will be determined by the Program Review Committee.

6. Best Practice Programs shall undergo a program of a minimum of 100 hours of instruction and 1000 hours of instruction. The program shall be approved by the program review committee and be included in the program review committee report.

801A4 - ACTIVITIES

1. Activities include any program that is not a credit program, including recreational, fitness, life skills, and other programs. Activities shall be approved by the program review committee and be included in the program review committee report. Activities shall be approved by the program review committee and be included in the program review committee report.

2. Community volunteers will submit Volunteer Program Proposals (DOC 300) to the Warden with final approval by the Deputy Director of Programs.

801A5 - MONTHLY PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORTS

1. The activities within each program will be reported to the Monthly Program Activity Report (DOC 300) by the program facilitator. The report will include the number of participants, the number of activities, and the number of hours. Monthly Program Activity Reports will be submitted to the Warden with the established time frame.

APPLICABILITY

- 1. This AR applies to Operational Personnel (OP) for each institution facility governing program change, addition, modification, and removal.
- 2. This AR requires as well.

REFERENCES:

ACA, Sections 4-437, 4-456 through 4-491, 4-493, 4-494, 4-495

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- 3. Activities are not eligible for alternative credits, but will be included in the Justice Report.
- 4. No inmate may teach or facilitate an activity without prior written approval of the Warden.
- 5. All activity requests will be submitted on DOC 300 for review and approval by the Warden with final approval by the Deputy Director.

801A6 POSITIVE CORRECTIONAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Positive correctional management practices are defined as inmate success and self-care in the effort to assist positive alternatives. These practices include work skills on the farm and yard, inmate activities, inmate success such as education, vocational training, and inmate success. Community support and care is not included. These practices may include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Inmate participation in work activities will provide a management as a positive process for inmates that will result in a positive attitude and a positive attitude towards the facility. Inmate participation in work activities will result in a positive attitude towards the facility.
- 2. The day-to-day behavior modification work will be maximum of 230 days and may be done on the farm and yard. Inmate participation in work activities will be maximum of 230 days and may be done on the farm and yard. Inmate participation in work activities will be maximum of 230 days and may be done on the farm and yard.
- 3. Social interaction will be encouraged during and out-of-cell time with inmate work activities. Social interaction will be encouraged during and out-of-cell time with inmate work activities.
- 4. Clean facility will provide a minimum of five (5) hours a day of inmate work activities on the farm and yard. Clean facility will provide a minimum of five (5) hours a day of inmate work activities on the farm and yard.
- 5. Inmate participation in work activities will include inmate and staff in inmate work activities. Inmate participation in work activities will include inmate and staff in inmate work activities.
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801A5 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FACILITATORS

- 1. Community volunteer facilitators must have been approved by Department. Volunteers to participate with the requirements of AR 802.

Administrative Regulation 801

THE FUTURE

Therapeutic Needs	Total Hours toward Dosage of TC	Anti-social Personality Pattern	Pro-criminal Attitudes	Pro-Criminal Social Support/Friends (relationships)	Pro-criminal recreational activities	Substance Abuse	Family/Marital Relationships	Education, Employment, Financial
CORE PROGRAMS								
Beyond Trauma								
Beyond Violence								
Helping Men/Women Recover				X		X		
New Direction (Hazardous)	22.3	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Parenting Made Out								
Therapeutic Community Substance Abuse Program - residential model (TRUSTY, STARS, Phoenix)	134.3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Transitional Model of Substance Abuse Program - outpatient model (New IOP, RSE)	97	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SUD Program - After Care Phase	33.3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gender-Responsive Needs	Total Hours toward Dosage of TC	Anger/Hostility	Mental Health - specifically depression, anxiety, psychosis	Abuse/Trauma	Parental Stress	Family of Origin	Unhealthy Relationships (intimate partner focused)	Self-Efficacy
CORE PROGRAMS								
Beyond Trauma	24			X				
Beyond Violence	40	X						
Helping Women Recover	75.3			X		X	X	X
New Direction								
Parenting Made Out	60				X	X		
Therapeutic Community Substance Abuse Program - residential model (TRUSTY, STARS, Phoenix)		X		X	X	X	X	X
Transitional Model of Substance Abuse Program - outpatient model (New IOP, RSE)		X		X	X	X	X	X

Gender-Neutral
 Moderate risk offenders with 3 or less needs = 300 hours of programming targeting primary criminogenic needs
 Moderate risk offenders with 4+ needs or high risk offenders with few needs = 200 hours
 High risk and high needs = 300 hours

The NDOC would like to
thank the Nevada Board of
Parole Commissioners for
your continued collaborative
efforts and support!