

Madison Correctional Facility Gives Inmates a Second Chance with MSSC Certifications



The Madison Correctional facility based in Madison, Indiana is at the forefront of certifying students who are currently incarcerated and upon release seeking to jumpstart a career path in advanced manufacturing or logistics. This is the first MSSC certification program offered pre-release in a women's correctional facility in the country. Through a partnership with, Ivy Tech Community College- Madison Campus, this successful model begins with students earning the full MSSC Certified Production Technician (CPT) Certification, a national industry recognized credential that gives them the confidence and 21st century skill set needed for the workplace.



Full MSSC CPT Certified Students, Madison Correctional Facility

At a ceremony in August 2018 Indiana Governor, Eric Holcomb, gave an address to women who are being awarded and recognized for their hard work and accomplishments while earning the CPT certification and other industry recognized credentials amongst facility staff, community, and family members.

"I'm going to be a little selfish and say that we need you," Holcomb addressed the graduates, explaining that the state needs qualified, experienced workers like them. He encouraged them to go as far as they could with the more than 60 certifications they received and with confidence, but jokingly asked them to stay in Indiana. (Source: Madison Courier)

Flashback to May of 2018 prior to this ceremony, the Madison Correctional Facility held a 9-week program for 10 female offenders to earn their Full MSSC CPT Certification and industry recognized credentials from the American Welding Society (AWS) in 2-3 weeks and the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) in over a 7 week period.



Full MSSC CPT Certified Students pictured with MSSC Instructor, Duey O'Neal, Madison Correctional Facility

"Shorter term, intensive training led to better success. The instructors and students are together every day of the week. There was a 100% pass rate for every single module of the CPT. The students also earned the OSHA 10 certification."- Paula Clark, Workforce Alignment Consultant, Ivy Tech Community College- Madison Campus

Of these women, Brittany Young, had a chance to share her inspirational story at the graduation ceremony. Brittany earned her MSSC CPT certification in the spring of 2016 at the Madison Correctional Facility in a 16-week semester. She was first introduced to this opportunity during a trip to Ivy Tech Community College's Madison Campus during her CPT training.

Since then she has gone on to not only earn her CPT Certification, but also her AWS certification and several others through Ivy Tech. Brittany is now employed full time at a local manufacturing plant, Vehicle Service Group (VSG). She has worked her way up to a second shift line supervisor with full benefits.

"Brittany came to VSG highly recommended and qualified for the job that we had available. She earned her position here and has proved herself to be a dedicated, competent, responsible employee and we are pleased to have Brittany on our team." -Allison Hall, Human Resource Manager, VSG

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