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## VET within Corrections

The position of Correctional Educator (Literacy & Numeracy) at Port Augusta Prison is an ongoing 37.5 hours per week. There are some essential qualifications required to undertake the position and these are determined by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) and by the curriculum owners. These qualifications have been determined by both bodies to be essential in order to enrol, deliver and assess in the training of the relevant package. Qualifications required of a correctional educator in Literacy & Numeracy studies are:

- Have the relevant vocational competencies at least to the level being delivered or assessed (being AQF level 7 or above teaching qualification)
- TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, including the TAEASS502 and TAELLN411 units, or TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (or its successor), or a diploma or higher level qualification in adult education
- Desirable criteria include experience and/or qualifications in Education.

Prisoners attend Education 5 days a week in 2 hour sessions both morning and afternoon (with a maximum of 15 students per class). They are enrolled in units of competency within the following:

- 22554VIC Course in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy
- 22471VIC Course in Initial General Education for Adults
- 22476VIC Certificate I in General Education for Adults
- 22555VIC Certificate I in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy

Students learn how to read and write and engage with texts for personal and employment purposes and to participate in the community. They also learn basic computer skills on the recently installed Prisoner Education Network.

Education in a Corrective setting is important so that prisoners are able to participate in criminogenic programs as part of their sentence plan. It also reduces the risk of the prisoner reoffending upon release.

The Department is committed to reducing reoffending rates and have published an Education and Training for Prisoners Strategic Plan. This Plan forms the mainstay strategy that underpins all VTEC-SA education and training activities and clearly outlines the rationale and strategies used to prioritise prisoner education. A copy of this strategic plan is attached to the application documentation.

As part of a new State Government initiative to reduce reoffending, the 10 by 20 initiative, considerable funding has been allocated to design, procure and install a new computer network for prison education. The network provides a world class IT system within a correctional setting.