

Memorandum of Understanding
ANCHOR (ALTERING NEGATIVE CONDUCT and HABITS for
OFFENDER REENTRY)
Parole and Adult Probation Higher Education

Purpose. The purpose of this agreement is to establish educational opportunities for parolees and adult probationers under supervision of the Arkansas Community Correction (ACC) who have a high school diploma or equivalent to enroll in higher education courses provided by Shorter College (SC). Along with course work, mentorships would also be established to help participants develop skills needed to be a success and discharge supervision without recidivating.

Together, ACC and SC (parties) will promote higher education to the offenders under the supervision of the ACC as a way of reducing recidivism and instilling a vision for a better way of life.

The parties will each appoint a person to serve as the official contact and coordinator for the activities of each organization in carrying out this MOU. The initial appointees of each organization are as follows:

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Roles. The organizations agree to the following provisions and responsibilities:

ACC:

- Provide SC a list of qualified ACC offenders on parole or adult probation for enrollment.
- Ensure enrollment in the program is voluntary.
- Provide a list of rules by which participants must abide, including prohibited activities and a process for reporting infractions
- Provide a list of SC staff who will be engaged in the program.
- As a part of their aftercare plan, enrollees will be encouraged to attend another semester in SC or another college.
- Ensure students dress appropriately.
- Provide a 2-man community work crew post at SC to assist with general maintenance and

- cleanup activities on a daily basis during the week from 8:30 a – 12:00 noon.
- Gather information and provide reports to the funding source and others as required by the State and federal governments.
- Meet or exceed the goals of the grant award.

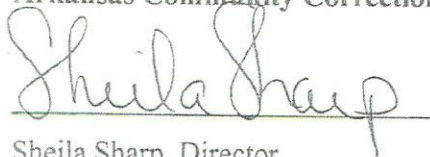
SC:

- Admit a minimum of 25 Pell Grant eligible students for ACC offender enrollment and participation in the program. Utilize the Pell Grant admission criteria and make the final selection of attendees from the list provided by ACC.
- Provide general educational classes that can accommodate the ACC enrollees.
- Provide classroom space for mentoring, lifestyle enhancement, chapel, and study period classes.
- Provide all involved staff a list of required and prohibited activities for ACC scholarship students.
- Provide classroom instruction and hold classes each week according to SC's calendar of activities.
- If an ACC scholarship recipient quits or is removed from classes, termination of Pell Grant funding will be according to SC's current financial aid policy.
- Provide a minimum of twelve credit hours of classroom instruction to fulltime ACC enrollees.
- Provide reports as requested by ACC.
- Gather information and provide reports to the funding source and others as required by the State and federal governments.
- Meet or exceed the goals of the grant award.
- Maintain records of offender progress and provide status reports.

This is a three-year pilot program (January 2015 – December 31, 2018) to test the impact of education on recidivism defined as continued criminal behavior that results in incarceration or confinement in an ADC or ACC correctional facility.

Shorter College and the Arkansas Community Correction have the right to terminate this agreement, without penalty or recourse, by giving either party thirty (30) days prior written notice, if it is determined that termination would be in either party's best interest.

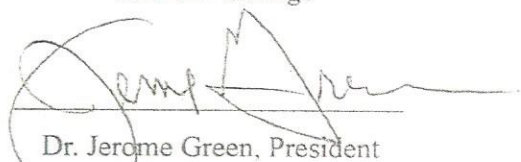
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