Abstract

The following is a report that shows data collected for Academic Orientation, Career Development, Art Class, Business 101, Creative Writing, Spoken Word, Financial Literacy, Introduction to Philosophy, and the History and Politics of Soccer. Each course and session has an independent graph. Both Academic Orientation and Career Development have an independent graph for all sessions. The total number of inmates that participated in PEP modules in Fall 2013 at California Rehabilitation Center was 209. There were 106 participants in the Academic Orientation sessions, 30 in Career Development sessions, 13 in Pre GED tutoring, and 90 students participated in certificate courses such as Art, Business 101, Creative Writing, etc.

*See summary comments at the bottom.
PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT CRC ACADEMIC ORIENTATION: FALL FRIDAY 2013

Academic Orientation Questions asked:

1) Did the academic orientation workshops increase your interest in different academic majors?
2) Did the academic orientation workshops inspire you to further your education?
3) Will you be able to use the information that you learned in the workshops when you are paroled?

Sample Size: 80

PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT CIW ACADEMIC ORIENTATION: FALL THURSDAY 2013

Academic Orientation Questions asked:

1) Did the academic orientation workshops increase your interest in different academic majors?
2) Did the academic orientation workshops inspire you to further your education?
3) Will you be able to use the information that you learned in the workshops when you are paroled?

Sample Size: 26
PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT CIW ACADEMIC ORIENTATION: FALL THURSDAY 2013

Career Development Questions:

1) Did the academic orientation workshops increase your interest in different academic majors?
2) Did the academic orientation workshops inspire you to further your education?
3) Will you be able to use the information that you learned in the workshops when you are paroled?

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PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT CIW ACADEMIC ORIENTATION: FALL WEDNESDAY 2013

Career Development Questions:

1) Did the academic orientation workshops increase your interest in different academic majors?
2) Did the academic orientation workshops inspire you to further your education?
3) Will you be able to use the information that you learned in the workshops when you are paroled?

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SUM OF ACADEMIC ORIENTATIONS: FALL 2013

1) Did the academic orientation workshops increase your interest in different academic majors?
2) Did the academic orientation workshops inspire you to further your education?
3) Will you be able to use the information that you learned in the workshops when you are paroled?

Sample Size: 106

SUM OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS: ALL FALL 2013

Career Development Questions:

1) Did the academic orientation workshops increase your interest in different academic majors?
2) Did the academic orientation workshops inspire you to further your education?
3) Will you be able to use the information that you learned in the workshops when you are paroled?
PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT CRC GED TUTORING SESSIONS: FALL 2013

GED Questions asked:

1) Do you think the Pre-GED tutoring program will help you get your GED?
2) Has the Pre-GED tutoring program helped you improve your academic skills?
3) Has the Pre-GED tutoring program motivated you to enroll in college?

Sample Size: 13

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PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: Business 101 Course CRC Response

1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

Sample Size 10

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Inmates in GED Session

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PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: ART CLASS TUESDAYS CRC RESPONSE

Sample Size 6

1) Did the Art Class help you increase you self-awareness?
2) Did the Art Class help you increase your self confidence and motivation?
3) Will you be able to use the information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: Creative Writing Course CIM Response

1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

Class Size: 4
PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: Spoken Word Course CRC Response

1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

Class Size 8

PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: Financial Literacy CRC Response

1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

Class Size: 11
PRISON EDUCTION PROJECT: Philosophy CRC Course Response

1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

Class Size: 11

PRISON EDUCTION PROJECT: History & Politics of Soccer Course Response

1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

Class Size 10
SUMMARY COMMENTS

History and Politics of Soccer
This course was awesome! I now want to learn how to play the game. I have learned the sociological diversity that the game of soccer reflects around the world. I learned about the conflict, competition, the founding and the economic impact of the game.

This course was a fantastic opportunity to learn about soccer and interpersonal dynamics on a local and global scale. I really thank the instructors for a really great class and for giving their time.

I truly enjoy soccer, so I definitely loved this class, the course was extremely useful to all soccer players, fanatics and viewers. Thank you very much.

This course has given me a whole new perspective concerning soccer, changing my "it's just a game" ideals--my utmost thanks to Nigel and Lilli for their courage to come to CRC.

Philosophy
This is one of the best classes I have taken in my life and it opened a whole new world to me.

The course opened my mind to different ways of thinking, as well as inspired me to enroll as a college student.

The student volunteers were extremely knowledgeable about the topic of philosophy. The course was broken down and explained thoroughly...

Financial Literacy
This was simply the best class I have taken to prepare me for employment and advancement post prison.

This course gave me a profound look at my future. It provided a different way to see what I need to do to succeed upon parole and stay out. Please, bring this course back again for others to benefit from this knowledge.

This course integrated moral and integrity-based teaching that encourages me to work hard and learn to do the best job in a competitive society. I really am glad and appreciative at the same time to have participated in this class.

Spoken Word
This course gave me a way with words and how to express myself in ways I didn't know I could.

This is one of the best classes you will find yourself in. Thank you for all the help in helping me find my true self. People in prison need this kind of help so that we can be ready for the real world.

The instructors opened for me another avenue which I can formulate the expression of my views, beliefs, passions, and perspectives.
Creative Writing
The instructor provided a diverse sampling of poetry and short stories, which enhanced my understanding and appreciation of the written word. I have always had difficulty understanding poetry, much less be able to write a poem. The assignments enabled me to begin crafting poetry.

Art
This is something new to me and it's something I always wanted to do. Thanks to the art class. I got to do something in life that I always hoped to do.

This art class helped me to see things that I look at in a different way. I now even see life differently.

Business 101
I feel the business course enhanced my desire to become a successful business owner and further my education.

This course has given me a better, more detailed understanding, of business marketing and managing. It has also helped me develop a clearer vision of what I believe a successful business will be.

The instructors have inspired me to move further in my life than I have ever had before and I deeply thank them from the bottom of my heart.

Pre-GED
This program is helping me understand the basic math and language that I need to obtain my GED.

The sessions were very informative. I would like to thank the volunteers very much.

I liked the program. It helped me get a better understanding on how to solve for a lot of things I never knew how to do before.

Career Development
I've decided to check out the local community college once I paroled. I had really like to work towards a four-year degree and not just settle for my vocational certifications.

This course is very helpful and informing with much needed knowledge in helping and guiding us with what we can expect to face with the challenges with our parole when our parole.

I think this class helped me to pursue my goals and it has inspired me to do better in life.

It provided useful information that will benefit me and my child once I am released. It will help me get a job and look forward to a better future.

I believe this course was very beneficial. It helped me to realize the importance of education and career opportunities. I will use this information and resources to better my chances to become a productive member in society.

Academic Orientation
It was inspiring and, I am currently enrolled in the college courses due to this program. The volunteers were very influential and informative.
It was a great and inspiring experience for me. It gives me drive to do better.

The information that I gained from the different student volunteers and their specific majors political science, psychology, sociology, has sparked my interest. It made me believe that there's more to life than prison.

This class made me less afraid to try college and the people that came were very informative. Thank you.

I like that the volunteers are willing to help inmates and that they are reaching out to people that are not as fortunate to progress on their own. We are grateful for the knowledge you have passed on to us. Thank you.