



CERTIFICATIONS

Skills that Open Doors

Building Technical Expertise,
Confidence, and Career Pathways



WHY CERTIFICATIONS MATTER

Incarceration can be a time to grow, learn, and prepare for the future. OCE's certification programs give adults in custody (AICs) the opportunity to gain practical, industry-recognized skills that support meaningful employment upon release. These programs build technical expertise, confidence, and essential workplace habits that help participants thrive both in our shops and in the communities they will return to.



WHAT WE OFFER

OCE certifications include programs like the BOLI Custodial Certification and NCCER Instructor Certification, among others. Participants learn everything from commercial cleaning, sanitation, and chemical safety to construction, manufacturing, and leadership skills. Programs combine self-study with hands-on training over a 6-12 month period, allowing participants to master both technical and soft skills essential for success.

ABOUT OCE

Oregon Corrections Enterprises (OCE) provides voluntary, real-world work and training opportunities that help adults in custody (AICs) build job skills, strengthen work ethics, and prepare for successful reentry into their communities. Participants apply and interview for positions. OCE program participants gain experience in technical, professional, and administrative fields using modern tools and systems.

Through partnerships with businesses, nonprofits, and public agencies, OCE delivers high-quality products and services while aligning training with Oregon's workforce needs. As a self-sustaining, semi-independent state agency, OCE operates like a private-sector business, expanding opportunities inside correctional facilities and supporting safer, healthier communities across Oregon.



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BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS

Certification is more than a title—it's a pathway to opportunity. Graduates gain industry-recognized credentials, develop confidence, and strengthen workplace habits like communication, accountability, adaptability, and problem-solving. Participants leave our programs prepared for meaningful careers, and many are ready to step directly into employment after release, creating long-term personal and professional growth.



EQUIP. EMPOWER. EMPLOY.

OCE certifications give individuals the tools to succeed while providing businesses with a skilled, job-ready workforce. By supporting these programs, you're helping participants build real-world skills, strengthen communities, and create pathways to lasting success.

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