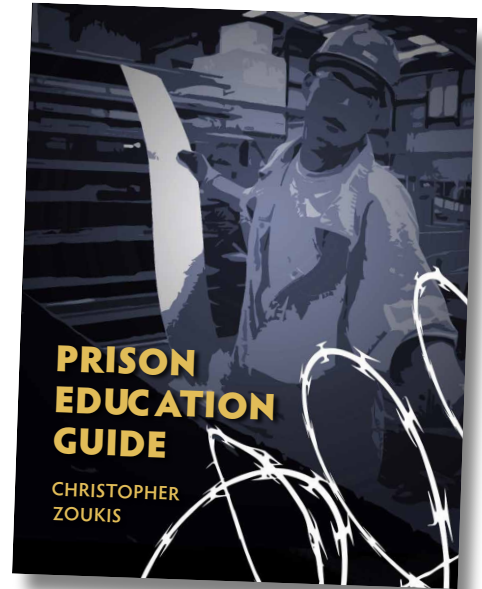


Prison Education Guide

FAQs



Q. What is the purpose of Prison Education Guide?

A. The purpose of the *Prison Education Guide* (Prison Legal News Publishing, 2016) is to profile every correspondence program available to incarcerated students. By compiling all of this information in a single location and helping prisoners better evaluate such programs, they will be able to select quality correspondence education programs, enroll in them, and continue their education even from behind bars.

Q. Is this book for those inside or outside of prison?

A. The *Prison Education Guide* is primarily for those in custody, though it can also be used by those who work in prison education departments or who have loved ones in prison and are interested in helping them to further their education during their term of incarceration. This book can be used by both state and federal prisoners.

Q. What research is this book based on?

A. The research that went into the *Prison Education Guide* was extensive. While the text only relies on 28 bibliographic entries, these do not include the research that went into preparing the 160 correspondence program profiles, which were created as a result of extensive outreach to each and every educational provider profiled. In addition to this traditional research and outreach, author Christopher Zoukis also relied upon his decade of experience as both an incarcerated student and prison educator when creating this book.

Q. What message does this book convey?

A. The message is simple: even from a prison cell an education, even an advanced education, can be obtained. Incarceration is not an excuse for checking out on educational advancement. Even from behind bars both undergraduate and graduate degrees are within reach.

Q. What types of correspondence programs does this book profile?

A. *Prison Education Guide* profiles correspondence programs at the religious college, graduate, undergraduate, vocational, high school, fee-based Bible study, free Bible study, and personal enrichment levels. Prisoners literally have access to every type of program that they require in order to earn a high school diploma through a graduate degree, all of which through the mail.

Q. Are there other books available that profile correspondence courses for prisoners?

A. Yes, but none as up-to-date or comprehensive as the *Prison Education Guide*. The former leader in this field was the *Prisoners' Guerrilla Handbook to Correspondence Programs in the U.S. and Canada* (3rd Edition) by Jon Marc Taylor (Prison Legal News Publishing, 2009), but the publisher has since removed this title and published the *Prison Education Guide* which is now considered by most to be the leading text in the field, followed by Dr. Taylor's now-outdated *Prisoners' Guerrilla Handbook*.

Q. External of this book, where can readers learn more about correspondence programs for prisoners?

A. PrisonEducation.com profiles a number of [correspondence programs](#) available to prisoners. External of those online profiles, the *Prison Education Guide* is the most comprehensive, up-to-date source for such inmate correspondence program information.

Q. How can readers stay abreast of developments in the prison education arena?

A. The best way to stay tuned in to developments in the prison education arena is to sign up for PrisonEducation.com's monthly newsletter. This can be done by readers submitting their email address in the newsletter bar on the side of the page.

Q. Does Christopher Zoukis have any related books?

A. Yes. In October, 2014, McFarland & Company released Mr. Zoukis' prior book *College for Convicts: The Case for Higher Education in American Prisons*. This book delves into the research behind correctional education programs and explains why prison education is a smart on crime answer to America's mass incarceration problem. *College for Convicts* shows that prison education is the most cost-effective, proven method of reducing recidivism that we currently know of.

Q. Is the author on Twitter or Facebook?

A. The PrisonEducation.com team is on Twitter at [@PrisonEduc](https://twitter.com/PrisonEduc) and on Facebook at facebook.com/PrisonerEducation.

Q. Is Christopher Zoukis available for interview or comment?

A. Yes. Telephone and email interviews can be scheduled by contacting media@prisoneducation.com. Christopher is also available to contribute articles and blog posts to other websites and publications.