

# Dept. of Corrections: 41 correctional officers graduate from local pre-service academy held in Green Bay

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GREEN BAY – Today, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) hosted a ceremony for correctional officers graduating from DOC's rigorous seven-week Correctional Officer Pre-Service Academy. The officers, who have been training at Green Bay Correctional Institution, are the newest class to join the ranks of DOC security staff around the state who work on a 24/7 basis protecting the public and keeping DOC correctional facilities safe.

In recent years, the Department has begun holding local academies in coordination with correctional facilities around the state, which enable correctional officers to train in the same geographic area where they will be initially assigned. These academies have proven very successful, as correctional officers work closely with the facility where they will work and can go home at night.

Officers from today's graduating class will be assigned to the following facilities:

- 21 officers to Green Bay Correctional Institution;
- 8 officers to the Wisconsin Resource Center;
- 4 officers to Redgranite Correctional Institution;
- 3 officers to the Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility;

- 2 officers to the Wisconsin Secure Program Facility;
- 1 officer to Columbia Correctional Institution;
- 1 officer to Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution; and
- 1 officer to New Lisbon Correctional Institution.

The Correctional Officer Pre-Service Academy includes an extensive curriculum that includes both academic and applied training in a wide variety of topics, including state law and administrative code, professional communications skills, basic first aid, responding to emergency situations, working with inmates who have significant medical and mental health needs, managing work-life balance, suicide prevention, observation and report writing, on-the-job training, Prison Rape Elimination Act training, use of force training, and professionalism and ethics.

DOC Secretary Litscher said: “Today’s graduates are joining a proud 165-year tradition that stretches nearly back to our founding as a state. These officers will join thousands before them who work in our correctional facilities to keep the public safe. I am thankful for their service and welcome them to our ranks.”