

CNH Higher Education in Prison Initiative

Supporting Master's-Level Achievement from Incarceration to Reentry

The **CNH Higher Education in Prison Initiative** is a comprehensive program designed to strengthen, fund, and expand access to Master's-level education for individuals pursuing advanced degrees while incarcerated. Built on the belief that education is a transformative force—capable of reshaping identity, restoring purpose, and preparing individuals for leadership—this initiative supports both current students and alumni of Master's degree programs throughout incarceration and during their transition back into society.

At its core, the initiative seeks to ensure that incarcerated scholars are not isolated in their academic journey. CNH provides academic support, mentorship, supplemental materials, remote learning enrichment, and structured writing and research assistance tailored to the rigorous demands of graduate-level study. The program partners with correctional facilities, universities, and academic departments to help sustain a fully accredited and intellectually vibrant Master's program inside prison.

The initiative extends beyond the classroom to address every stage of the reentry process. As students approach release, CNH offers individualized preparation that includes academic continuity planning, resume and portfolio development, interview training, digital literacy, leadership coaching, and professional networking support. The focus is to ensure that graduating students enter society not only with a Master's degree but with the confidence, tools, and social capital necessary for success.

For alumni returning to the community, the CNH initiative provides ongoing reentry support—including job placement assistance, leadership development, peer-to-peer mentorship, transitional housing connections, and opportunities to join the CNH professional network. Alumni are invited to participate in CNH’s consulting, social enterprise, and leadership initiatives, helping them convert academic training into meaningful careers and contributions to society.

Ultimately, the CNH Higher Education in Prison Initiative aims to build a strong pipeline of educated, civically engaged leaders emerging from correctional settings. By supporting the academic journey, smoothing the transition home, and empowering Master’s-level alumni to thrive, CNH advances a model where higher education becomes a catalyst for personal transformation, community leadership, and systemic reform.

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