

RIVERSIDE

TECH

CORRECTIONS SCHOOL SYSTEM

BOARD REPORT

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NATIONAL CENTER FOR CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (NCCER)

NCCER is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) education foundation created in 1996 as The National Center for Construction Education and Research. It was developed with the support of more than 125 construction CEOs and various association and academic leaders who united to revolutionize training for the construction industry. Sharing the common goal of developing a safe and productive workforce, these companies created a standardized training and credentialing program for the industry.



The progressive program has evolved into curricula for more than 70 craft areas and a complete series of more than 70 assessments offered in over 6,000 NCCER accredited training and assessment locations across the United States. Credentials are tracked through NCCER's Registry System that allows organizations and companies to track the qualifications of their craft professionals and/or check the qualifications of possible new hires. NCCER's Registry System also assists craft professionals by maintaining their records in a secure database.

Riverside Vo-Tech began participating in NCCER in 2016. Students can earn up to 3 certificates in the first Core book: (1) Core Curriculum (2) Introductory Craft Skills (3) Construction Site Safety Orientation.

If time allows, they may also earn a certificate for Level I and Level II. Most RVT classes are currently using NCCER as their curriculum.

- NCCER Master Training classes have been scheduled for April 6-9, 2020. Mr. John Chapman and Mr. Don Rigney will attend these classes and, upon completion, will support all in-house training requirements for Vo-Tech's NCCER instructors.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT February 2020

EAST ARKANSAS REGIONAL UNIT	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER
Building Maintenance	14	3	0	0	0
Computerized Applications Technology	11	0	0	0	0
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	10	0	0	0	0
Welding	17	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	52	3	0	1	0

ESTER UNIT	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER
Computerized Applications Technology	15	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	15	1	0	1	0

NEWPORT COMPLEX	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER
Computerized Applications Technology	13	0	0	1	0
Computerized Accounting	12	0	0	0	0
Cosmetology	13	1	1	0	0
Cosmetology Instructor	2	0	0	0	0
Horticulture	15	0	1	2	0
TOTAL	55	1	2	3	0

NORTH CENTRAL UNIT	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER
Horticulture	16	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	0	0	0	0

OUACHITA RIVER CORRECTIONAL UNIT	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER
Building Trades Technology	15	0	0	0	0
Computerized Applications Technology	15	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	30	1	0	0	0

RANDALL L. WILLIAMS UNIT	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER
Landscape & Design	14	2	2	3	2
TOTAL	14	2	2	3	2

VARNER UNIT	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER
Building Maintenance	16	3	0	1	0
Culinary Arts	15	2	1	2	1
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	17	0	1	0	0
Residential Carpentry	17	0	1	0	0
Residential Electricity	16	1	2	0	3
Welding	15	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	96	6	6	4	4

UNIT PROGRAM UPDATES:

OUACHITA RIVER CORRECTIONAL UNIT –

- The welding shop construction is complete and on schedule to accept students the first two weeks of April.
- The Building Trades Technology class is currently building the welding tool room and is about 45% complete. The tool room will be completed before the end of the month (weather permitting). Painting will also be done prior to the class opening.

- Riverside Vo-Tech would like to acknowledge and thank DOC Construction for their leadership and support during the ORCU Riverside Welding Shop build: specifically, Gail Mainard, Scott McCarty, Jeff Wolf and Cathy Hardin. The teamwork they exhibited was much appreciated throughout the project.
- The plumbing shop is progressing and is on schedule to receive students the first two weeks of April.
- The Building Trades Technology class, at the request of the ORCU unit, has built and installed new gym equipment shelves in the gym equipment storage room (photo below).



VARNER UNIT – Welding Program

Riverside Vo-Tech would like to introduce the newest addition to the Varner staff: welding instructor Lee M. Hutchison, known simply as “Hutch.”



Hutchison

His first graduate is Mr. Haslip, who is now working as a welder in maintenance for Creative Liquid Coatings in Kendallville, Indiana.

According to the salary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average salary for a welder is \$42,450 a year.



Haslip

VARNER UNIT – Culinary Arts Program

Students in the Varner Unit's Culinary Arts Program prepare lunch for students and staff each day, which consists of a minimum of 150 people.

Using the same food items that all ADC units have access to, menus consist of a bread, meat, three vegetables, and a dessert. Food allergies and dietary guidelines are taken into account when an inmate presents documentation from the infirmary.

The students bake bread every day, which sometimes consists of hamburger buns, as pictured here.



Meat comes from cold storage before being cut into steaks or chops, or ground and used to make hamburgers cooked outside on the barbecue grill. Since food safety is an important concern, students are taught to check meat temperatures during cooking to ensure doneness.



Seasonal vegetables, grown in the unit's garden, are used as much as possible.

The class rounds out lunch preparations with a dessert such as fried apple pies and by making beverages that include tea, Kool-Aid, and water.