REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 22 of 2025
Section 408
Post-Secondary Program Funding Report

Sec. 408. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 for higher education in prison must be used by the department in collaboration with accredited universities or colleges to provide incarcerated individuals the opportunity to participate in comprehensive bachelor's degree programs at no cost to the incarcerated individual. The funds must be used for eligible expenses including staffing, supplies, and tuition.

(2) Universities and colleges that receive funding under this section must report not later than July 1 on all of the following, by correctional facility:
(a) Expenditure of funds.
(b) Number of participants served.
(c) Enrollments by race and gender.
(d) Number of participants who completed the program.

Baccalaureate Prison Education

School	Amount Awarded for FY25	Amount Spent for FY25
Grand Valley State University	$220,000.00	$220,000.00
Hope College	$220,000.00	$220,000.00
Western Michigan University	$220,000.00	$220,000.00
Calvin University	$220,000.00	$222,000.00
Siena Heights University	$220,000.00	$220,000.00
Ferris State University	$220,000.00	$219,999.41
Wayne State University	$220,000.00	$220,000.00
Eastern Michigan University	$220,000.00	$220,000.00
Rochester University *	$1.00	$0.00
Lake Superior State University *	$1.00	$0.00

*Denotes school that did not have students in FY25

Grand Valley State University

Grand Valley State University's program is located at the Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility (IBC). During this period, they had 16 students in their program.

Following is the demographic breakdown: 62.5% White, 37.5% Black or African American.

Grand Valley State University's program officially launched in Fall 2024. The program has not had any completions to date, but the first cohort is projected to graduate in the Summer of 2029.

Hope College

Hope College is located at the Muskegon Correctional Facility (MCF). During this period, they had 62 students in the program.

Following is the demographic breakdown: 60% Black or African American, 34% White, 6% Latino.

Hope utilizes a cohort model that enrolls a new class of students each fall. During this period, nine students earned a Bachelor of Arts.

Western Michigan University

Western Michigan University is located at the Lakeland Correctional Facility (LCF). Western Michigan University offers a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. During this period, there were 38 students enrolled. 1 student paroled during this period and did not continue with their education at WMU.

Following is the demographic breakdown: 68% Black or African American, 29% White, 1% Hispanic, 2% Unidentified.

Western Michigan University runs on a cohort model and currently has two cohorts. They are anticipating their first cohort to graduate in late 2027 or 2028.

Calvin University

Calvin University's program is located at the Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility (MTU). During this period, 99 students were enrolled in the program.

Following is the demographic breakdown: 1% American Indian/ Alaska Native, 56% Black or African American, 27% White, 5% not disclosed, 3% Hispanic.

Calvin runs a cohort model and currently runs 5 cohorts. During this period, 10 students graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and there were 20 students who graduated with an Associates of Arts.

Eastern Michigan University

Eastern Michigan University offers a bachelor's degree in General Studies. Eastern Michigan University is located at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility. During this report time 68 students were enrolled in the program.

Following is the demographic breakdown: 41% Black or African American, 5% American Indian/ Alaskan Native, 50% White/ Non- Hispanic, 1% Asian, 1% Hispanic, and 1% other.

Eastern Michigan University utilizes the cohort model. Students must have 60 college credits prior to admission. While the school enrolls students each academic year, the timeline for graduation is determined by each student's credits at the point of enrollment. During this period, 12 students graduated with a Bachelor of General Studies.

Siena Heights University

Siena Heights University offers a bachelor's degree in a 3+1 program relationship with Jackson College. Siena Heights University is located at the Cooper Street Correctional Facility (JCS) and G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility (JCF).

Following is the demographic breakdown: 58% Black or African American, 35% White/ Non-Hispanic, 1% Latino.

Siena Heights utilizes a modified cohort model. While the school enrolls students each academic year, the timeline for graduation is determined by each student's credits at the point of enrollment. During this period, 17 students graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

Ferris State University

Ferris State University has a 3+1 program with Mott Community College and conducts classes at Thumb Correctional Facility TCF). They currently have one cohort with 18 students enrolled. Students in this program will be earning a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Following is the demographic breakdown: 71% Black or African American, 7% White/ Non-Hispanic, 21% Hispanic or Latino.

Ferris did not have a graduation during this period but currents students will graduate in 2026.

Wayne State University

Wayne State University offers a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. Their classes are taught at Macomb Correctional Facility. They run a cohort model and currently have 20 students enrolled.

Following is the demographic breakdown:83% Black/ African American, 12% White, 4% Hispanic

Rochester University

Rochester University has a 3+1 program with Mott Community College. They had a prospective award for FY25 but did not seek reimbursement as the program just began offering classes within the MDOC in FY '26. They are offering a Bachelor of Arts in Behavioral Arts.

Lake Superior State University

Lake Superior State University has been a partner offering an associate degree and is now offering a bachelor's degree in business administration. They had a prospective award for FY25 but did not seek reimbursement from this funding source in FY '25. They are expected to receiving funding in FY '26.