

Jess Dunn Correctional Center



The **Jess Dunn Correctional Center (JDCC)** is located in Muskogee County 10 miles west of Muskogee. The minimum-security facility houses more than 1,100 male inmates. JDCC covers approximately 1,100 acres, and includes five dormitories and a farm. In 2000, the state built a 42-bed segregated housing unit using inmate labor.



Education



JDCC offers literacy courses as well as Pre-High School Equivalency and High School Equivalency diplomas. College courses (not provided through state funding) are also available to inmates who can pay for them or to those who have alternative funding or scholarships.

CareerTech



A CareerTech Skills Center offers inmates technical training for workforce re-entry after release. CareerTech also helps inmates find skill-related employment after release. Courses at JDCC include Career Readiness and Green Technologies.

Criminal Thinking



JDCC offers Thinking for a Change program to address thinking, judgment errors, and relationships linked with criminal thinking and behavior. A primary programmatic mission is to provide psychoeducation programs for inmates convicted of sexual offenses.



A private/public work program with Wheeler Metals in Muskogee began in Sept. 2019 where vetted inmates work in the warehouse learning valuable work skills.



JDCC's Substance Abuse Treatment program began Jan. 2020. Nine inmates are enrolled at a time, for the six- to nine-month-long program.

JDCC was built in 1932 as a mental hospital for African-American patients. Since then, it has been a tuberculosis sanitarium, a juvenile girls facility, and a co-ed home. ODOC took over the facility in 1980 from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. It is named after Jess Dunn, the warden of Oklahoma State Penitentiary from 1938 until 1941. He died in a shootout after an inmate attempted an escape.



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