

**Lee College  
Huntsville Center**

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**Reentry Services  
Department**

**What does the Reentry Department do?**

The job of the Lee College Reentry Department is to help LCHC students “reenter” society.

**What aspects of reentry does the Reentry Department focus on?**

The two priorities are *education* and *employment*, but there are many other areas where we can help.

The Reentry Department is dedicated to helping LCHC students complete their education and find employment relative to the Lee College education they received.

**EXAMPLES:**

**Do you need to complete some course work for Lee but you do not live near Houston?**

Lee College has online academic courses to help you finish your degree.

**Do you need halfway house information or job listings from your area? Do you want to pursue a Bachelor’s degree?**

The LCHC Reentry Department can help.

**Do you need a support network to help you “get on your feet?”**

The LCHC Reentry Department can help.

Send by mail or I-60 addressed to:  
Lee College Huntsville Center  
Reentry Department  
168-C Colonel Etheredge Blvd,  
Huntsville, TX. 77340

When released, you or your family can reach us at: [reentry@lee.edu](mailto:reentry@lee.edu) or call 936.755.7244

## ***Fast Facts***

- 1.** Lists of employers who will hire ex-convicts (aka “felony-friendly” employers) change frequently and are not generally reliable.
- 2.** Lists of job openings change regularly and can be outdated within a week.
- 3.** It is NOT usually the case that there are grants and loans *specifically* for the formerly incarcerated . However, your convictions do not disqualify you for federal financial aid and you can apply like anyone else.
- 4.** For almost 40 years, there has been a set of “instructions for released inmates” circulating U.S. prisons. It concerns various forms of government assistance, especially Social Security assistance, upon release from prison. Most of its information is outdated, not relevant to Texas, or just plain false.

## ***Myth***

An ex-convict can’t find employment and be successful in society.

## ***The Truth***

- 1. *Nationally***, those who participate in education while in prison are 43-48% less likely to come back to prison. ***In Texas***, the overall recidivism rate has dropped below 15%.
- 2.** Numerous organizations genuinely want to help ex-convicts succeed, and LCHC Reentry Dept. is available to help you connect to them.

### ***What employers want you to know:***

In addition to the *skills* you learned in school, and the *experience* you gain in work, you need a *virtuous character* and a good *work ethic*.



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