

Consumer Information Statement

Huntsville Students in the Revised Second Chance Pell Experiment (34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(vi))

If a program under the Revised Second Chance Pell experiment is designed to meet educational requirements for a specific professional license or certification that is required for employment in an occupation (as described in 34 CFR 668.236(a)(7) and (8)), the institution must disclose information to students regarding whether that occupation typically involves State or Federal prohibitions of the licensure or employment of formerly incarcerated individuals. In addition, the college must disclose to interested students information about the options available for incarcerated students to complete any remaining program requirements post-release; and inform students of the academic and financial options available if they are not able to complete the academic program while incarcerated. This includes explaining how the students can continue in the program after release, transfer credits earned in the program to another program offered by the institution, or transfer credits earned in the program to another postsecondary institution.

Consumer Information page for Air Conditioning

Licensure: Individuals who are not licensed are allowed to work as helpers under the supervision of a licensed air conditioning technician or contractor, but it is very beneficial to be licensed. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) issues licenses for Air Conditioning Technicians and Air Conditioning Contractors. The TDLR does not prohibit formerly incarcerated individuals from obtaining these licenses, but they review the applications of formerly incarcerated individuals on a case-by-case basis.

Certification: The North American Technician Excellence (NATE) organization offers four levels of certification for individuals working in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC). NATE certifications are not required to be licensed in Texas, but they are helpful in gaining employment. There are no restrictions against formerly incarcerated individuals obtaining these certifications.

EPA 608 Certification is a required certification for HVAC technicians as part of the Clean Air Act. There are four types of EPA 608 certifications, and there are no restrictions against formerly incarcerated individuals obtaining these certifications.

Additional Certifications:

Not required but provided to students is the ability to obtain an Overton Forklift Operator Certifications.

Options to Complete the Air Conditioning Program Post-Release: Students who do not finish their program while they are incarcerated and wish to complete their remaining program requirements post-release have many options. There are several Texas community colleges that offer Air Conditioning programs, including the main campus of Lee College, San Jacinto College, and Lone Star College. A current list of Texas community colleges offering HVAC (or any other program) can be found by googling "THECB Program Inventory." All Texas community colleges accept transfer credits from other Texas community colleges, and they all use the same course numbering system, so transferring courses from one community college to another is straightforward.

Financial Options to Complete the Air Conditioning Program Post-Release: Students who wish to complete their remaining program requirements post-release have several financial options. Lee College, like all Texas community colleges, provides financial assistance including Pell Grants, Texas Equal Opportunity Grants (TEOG), Texas Public Education Grants (TPEG), and other financial aid programs. In addition, Lee College and most other Texas community colleges provide payment plans to help students budget their payments.