

# **Diploma in Correction and Rehabilitation for Prison officers. (DCRP)**



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## **01. Rationale**

The Diploma in Correction and Rehabilitation is designed to strengthen the Skills Knowledge and the experiences of employees in the Sri Lankan prison department in pursuit of professional growth throughout their career with the aim of building a capable and prepared workforce through reinforcing professional values of prison officers. Corrections officers are also referred to as correctional officers, detention officers or prison officers. These professionals are responsible for looking over those who have been arrested and are awaiting trial, as well as those who have been convicted and are serving jail time. Therefore these officers are engaging in a vital duty on crime control as well as social control in the country. They require a sound knowledge on correction and rehabilitation methodologies and techniques for a beneficiary service on their clients in a rapidly changing world.

However the present education or professional development programs on prison officers are not directly or completely addressing the demanded scientific knowledge and skill development activities in the rehabilitation and correctional fields. On the other hand currently there is no other university level course addressing particularly the subjects of correction and habitation directly on the prison officers in Sri Lanka. Apparently the commissioner General of prisons in Sri Lanka has requested from the University to design a suitable diploma program meeting the above necessities that can be fulfilling National requirements. The body of knowledge in Criminology and Criminal Justice directly addresses those issues in the professional fields in the criminal justice system and vastly throughout other Universities in the World. Such an educational course directly oriented on the prison officers, based on the Multidisciplinary subject areas included in the course would definitely facilitate prison officers to gain their professional objectives under University environment.

Launching of this diploma program for prison officers in Sri Lanka will also make several other benefits to the University of Kelaniya as well as to the department of sociology. This is opening up new pathways to work engaged with Prison department as a professional body and the University of Kelaniya will help them to reach local and international standard levels in Prison management. In addition to that starting of such courses will strengthen the existing capacities of the department of Sociology both academically and financially.

Therefore the department of Sociology, University of Kelaniya is expecting to start a diploma program in correction and rehabilitation for prison officers in Sri Lanka as expecting a national requirement.

## **02. The Department strength**

The department of sociology formerly commenced in 1991 as an independent department, separating from the department of economics which was attached to it since in 1979. Currently the department offers academic program from B.A (General) Degree to PhD Levels. The department offers following degree programs for deferent levels.

B.A (General) Degree Program (3Years) Internal

B.A (General) Degree Program (3Years) External

B.A (Special) Degree Program (4Years) Internal

M.A in Sociology (One Year)

MSSC in Sociology (2Years)

MPhil in Sociology (3years)

PhD in Sociology

And also the department is enriched with professionally qualified and experienced university teachers as follows:

Professors	03
Senior Lecturers	07
Lecturers	02
Temporary Lecturer.	01

The learner oriented study environment consists of modern lecture hall facilities fully equipped with techno educational supportive instruments, Learning, Materials and Books etc.

## **03. Course Output**

The participant's standards would be reached to qualified and standard level of correction officers who can contribute to the efficient work in their field. This program is the only diploma program directly targeted at the educational and training necessities of prison officers in Sri Lanka and the outcome clearly may appear for the development of rehabilitation systems.

## **04. Objectives**

### **The objectives of this diploma program are:**

- ❖ To provide an opportunity to enhance scientific knowledge on correction and rehabilitation to uplift the effective prisoner management system in Sri Lanka.
- ❖ To develop professional skills and strengthen their career development.

- ❖ To strengthen the interactions with prisoners, their family members, and with coworkers for sustainable effective rehabilitation programs in the prison settings.

### **05. Learning outcomes of the program**

**After the completing of above diploma program students should be able to**

- ❖ Apply basic concepts and theoretical knowledge on correction and rehabilitation as well as management concepts and ICT Knowledge for solving problems in the prison settings.
- ❖ Identification and analyze deferent social and individual problems of inmates
- ❖ Explain basic concepts and theoretical knowledge on crime and criminal justice particularly correction and rehabilitation

### **06. Target Group**

Having passed the G.C.E (A/L) examination in three subjects. Or At least having passed the G.C.E (O/L) examination including Mathematics and Sinhala in not more than two sittings. and Completion of minimum 10 years' service in the post.

### **07. Duration of the program**

One academic year

### **08. Medium of the Instructions**

The program will be offered in Sinhala and English languages.

### **09. Eligibility Criteria.**

**The Applicant should be;**

- ❖ Prison officers in Sri Lankan prison department in the rank of Jailor or an above position with minimum of three years of work experience

### **Admissions and Selection Procedure**

The Number of Students admitted to the diploma will be determined by the department of sociology and the department of prison reforms and rehabilitation has the right of nominating suitable candidates for the course.

### **Attendance**

80% of attendance is compulsory for all courses included in the diploma.

## 10. Evaluation Criteria.

All courses will be evaluated according to the criteria given in the syllabus and grades will assigned for each course unit

Evaluation of students' performance will be done through

Written Examination  
Projects  
Group Works  
Field trips  
Learning Portfolios  
Assignments

## 11. Grading System

The marks obtained in respect of course unit will be graded as follows:

Range of Marks	Grade	GPA
85-100	A+	4.0
70-84	A	4.0
65-69	A-	3.7
60-64	B+	3.3
55-59	B	3.0
50-54	B-	2.7
45-49	C+	2.3
40-44	C	2.0
35-39	C-	1.7
30-34	D+	1.3
25-29	D	1.0
00-24	E	0.0

## 12. Eligibility for Award.

To be eligible for the award of diploma in correction and rehabilitation a student must

- (I) For the award of a Diploma, a Student must.
  - Obtaining a minimum GPA of 2.00
  - With respect to the C-, D+ or D grades, students are allowed to aggregate 5 credits, provide maintaining a minimum of GPA value 2.00 in overall.

- Do not successfully complete any course unit will be given a grade “E” and without be eligible to obtain the diploma
  - Completing the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years in case of repeating course unit or units.
- (II) For the award of a diploma with Merit, a Student must.
- Accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating within to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3,
  - Obtain a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and
  - Complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 3.
- (III) For the award of a diploma with Distinction, a Student must.
- Accumulate grades A or better in course unit aggregating within to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3,
  - Obtain a GPA of 4.00, and
  - Complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 3.

### **Re-sit examinations**

A student who obtain below grade C in a particular course unit will have to re sit the examination in respect of the course unit and should improve the grade for higher grade for successful completion of the program.

## **13. Course content**

**This course consisted with 30 credits**

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Unit</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>DCRP 13015</b>	<b>Basic concepts of Sociology</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>DCRP 13025</b>	<b>Basic concepts of Criminology</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>DCRP 13035</b>	<b>Social Psychology and Counseling</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>DCRP 13045</b>	<b>Correction and Social Inclusion</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>DCRP 13055</b>	<b>ICT and Management Skills</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>DCRP 13065</b>	<b>Research Project</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>	<b>5</b>

**All course units will have to follow a recommended Course book.**

