



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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Help Protect and Transform Lives

*MDOC Academies now accepting
applications for March classes*

Those interested in working with the Michigan Department of Corrections can now start their career on day one of training.

The MDOC is launching corrections officer academies, which will provide new recruits with department-funded training.

The department's training program is among the most comprehensive in the country and includes eight weeks of classroom instruction, along with eight weeks of on-the-job training where new employees are paired with a veteran corrections officer.

New recruits will become state employees as soon as they begin training and their room and board will be covered by the department while they attend classes.

Applications are available, and are being accepted now, for academy classes set to begin in March. The dates and locations for classes are expected to be determined soon.

The department previously offered officer training through community college programs.

While these programs had merit and provided the department with exceptional candidates, graduating classes were too small to accommodate the growing number of retirees, and greater numbers of new officers are needed.

The department aims to hire more than 300 new corrections officers from the academy's first graduating classes.

Corrections remains a career with a future of growth.

Starting pay is \$16.32 per hour and progresses to \$25 per hour. The opportunities for promotion continue to increase as motivated individuals are needed to fill the shoes of retiring employees.

Corrections officers have an important role in the community and within department facilities—they are protectors, motivators, educators and caretakers.

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They have a chance to make an impact on the lives of offenders housed at MDOC facilities, and on the lives of those in the communities where they live and work.

Officers and facilities regularly support local charities and participate in service programs to give back and better their community.

Help us continue the legacy of excellence upheld by Michigan's corrections officers today and sign up now, or refer a friend or family member.

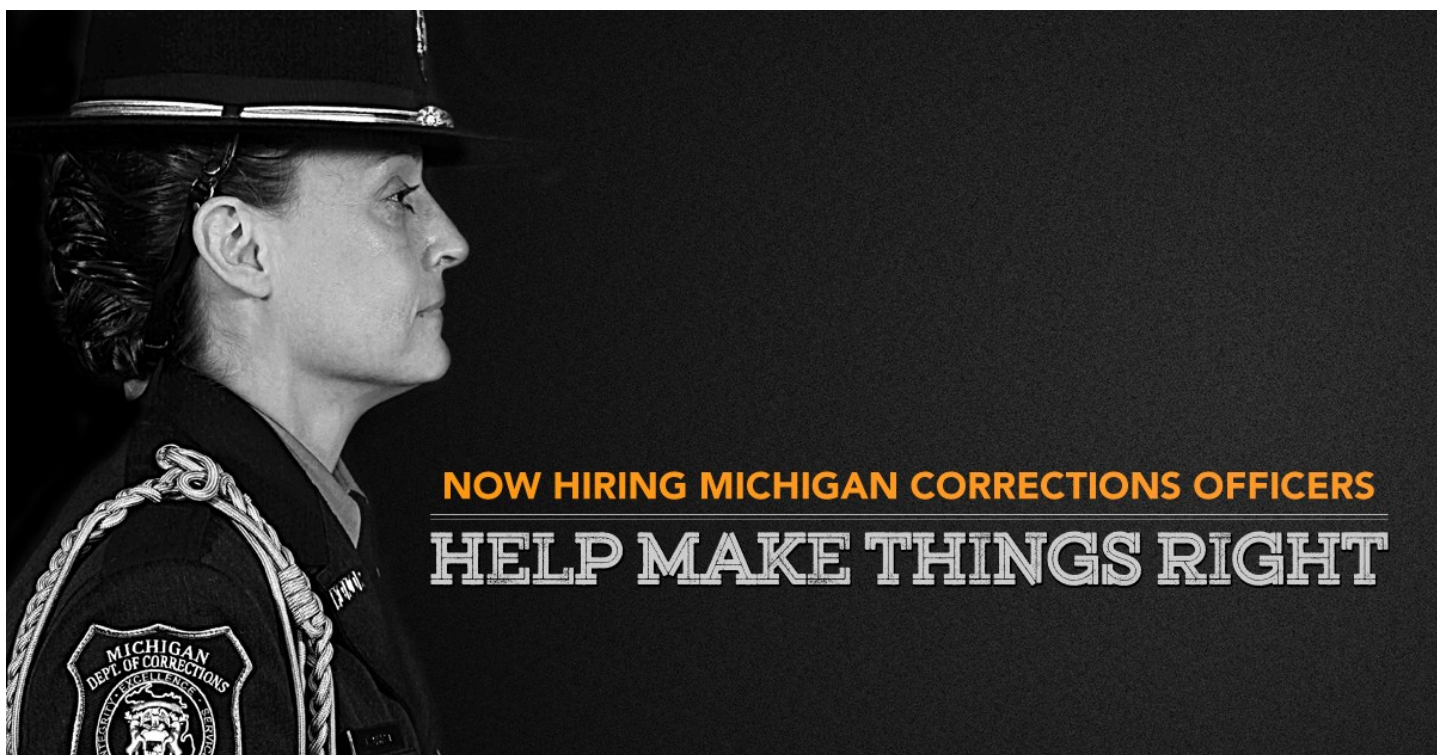
Requirements for education and training remain the same.

Applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have a high school diploma, or G.E.D.
- Have some college or military experience
- Successfully complete an interview, physical fitness test, background check and drug screen

For more information, or to apply, click [here](#).

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