

# FAST FACTS: ANNUAL ENROLLMENT

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC)

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- In FY2016, 15,615 college students and 6,664 DOC students enrolled at Lake Land College for a total of 22,279 enrollees throughout the fiscal year. This Fast Facts report focuses on DOC students.
- Almost 100% of the 6,664 DOC students served in FY2016 were male. Lake Land is still tracking 11 former female DOC students until they complete or withdraw from the college.
- The majority of DOC students were Black (45%). Around 43.8% of DOC students were white and 10% were Hispanic.
- Almost 10% of DOC were of traditional age (i.e., 23 and under). 25.4% were 24 to 29, 35.2% were in their 30s, and 19.7% were in their 40s. 9.9% of DOC students were 50 and up.
- All of the DOC students attended Lake Land part time in FY2016.
- Although first generation status is vastly underreported (99% unknown) in the DOC population, it is likely that the majority of these students are first generation.
- Only two DOC students were enrolled in transfer programs. Over one third (35.3%) were enrolled in certificate and Associate in Liberal Studies programs. The remaining 64.5% of DOC students were course enrollees.
- Almost half of the DOC students in FY2016 (3,193 or 47.9%) were first time students.

### OTHER FACTS

- The DOC program at Lake Land provides educational services to 17 correctional centers across the state. The various correctional centers served a number of students ranging from 214 to 614 students. Vienna Correctional Center served the largest number of students (614) followed by Southwestern Correctional Center (539) and Pinckneyville Correctional Center (522).
- The 6,664 DOC students served in FY2016 produced 76,549.5 registered credit hours over the academic year.
- While many of the DOC students were enrolled full time during a single semester, over the course of the academic year they accumulated less than 24 credit hours. For this reason, they were considered part time students for the academic year.

### CONCLUSIONS

- Since FY2008, the DOC student population has grown from a 2,598 students in 2008 to 6,664 in 2016. Much of this growth can be attributed to the addition of correctional centers over time. In FY2008, Lake Land College served only eight correctional centers. By FY2011, Lake Land was serving 15 correctional sites and 4,036 students and today it serves a total of 17 correctional sites with 6,664 students. Thus far FY2014 proved to be the most successful year for the DOC program by reaching the most students served between 2008 and 2016. During FY2014, Lake Land served a total of 7,237 students.
- While enrollment numbers steadily increased from 2,598 in 2008 to 7,237 in 2014, enrollment in the DOC program have steadily decreased over the past two years. Is this decline due to natural fluctuations in the DOC population, changes in student behavior resulting in the inability to continue participation, or are there other factors at play? This change should be examined further.