



Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center  
Hodgen, Oklahoma

## OFFENDER PROGRAMS

The JEHCC is the largest correctional vocational training program in the state. The Vo-Tech program has grown to a total of 8 different skill areas currently available at the facility: industrial electricity, air conditioning and refrigeration, welding, building construction, masonry, building maintenance, industrial maintenance, transmission repair, front end/suspension and engine performance. The state department of Career Technology Education provides training opportunities to all eligible offenders at no cost.

In addition to providing training opportunities for offenders, CareerTech also provides the Oklahoma DOC and other state agencies, assistance with special construction projects and repairs on state vehicles. This service has

saved state, county and municipal agencies many valuable tax dollars for repairs and preventative maintenance of precious agency resources. JEHCC has benefited immensely from having a CareerTech center on site. Several facility buildings have been built either partially or entirely with skilled offender labor provided through the training programs.



The name ouachita is taken from two Choctaw words, “OWA” and “CHITAW.” The meaning of the name is “BIG HUNT.”



Former Oklahoma State Senator Jim Hamilton served in the Senate from 1967 until 1976. In 1984 after an eight year absence from the legislature, he was elected to the State House of Representatives where he served until 1998.

The Ouachita Correctional Center was officially changed to the Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center, in honor of Senator Hamilton on December 10, 1998.



## OPERATIONS

Academic Education from basic literacy, through GED, to college level courses is provided by full time, state certified teachers. Approximately 50-75 offenders receive their GED at JEHCC each year. A leisure library provides an extensive collection of books and reference collection to meet the educational and recreational needs, of the offender population.

The Medical Unit provides clinically appropriate and necessary medical, dental and mental health care for offenders at the facility. Psychological services provide individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, assessment consultation and evaluation as requested by staff.

Food Service provides balanced nutritional meals to the offender population. Three meals a day are served in a central dining facility with group dining. The master menu is developed and reviewed annually by a licensed dietician. JEHCC has started a facility garden which provides various vegetables that help reduce food cost. Once planted, the total garden area covers approximately 5.57 acres.

Religious Programs provide a schedule of services of various faiths seven days a week. A faith based program “New Life Behaviors” is provided weekly that stresses family and personal responsibility. A religious library is also provided.