



Faculty Seminars: “It takes a Community” College in Prison in St. Lawrence County

Seminar 2 — Instructors: Friday, Friday Nov. 8, 2024, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. – Virtual
Please click on this [TEAMS](#) link to join this virtual session.

Seminar 3 — Re-entry and Second Chance Scholars: Friday February 7,
2025, 3:30-5:00 p.m. – In-person, SUNY Potsdam,
Room Location: TBA

Background:

In fall 2021, SUNY Potsdam partnered with NY-DOCCS Riverview Correctional Facility to offer the first semester of a bachelor’s degree program within the prison. We began with three instructors, teaching four courses to 19 students. In fall 2024 semester, the program has 75 full time students who are studying 18 courses. In October 2025, Potsdam@RCF will celebrate the commencement of 14 students who will soon complete their B.A. degree.

To discover more information about college in prison and Potsdam@RCF check out this short documentary produced by SUNY Office of Higher Education in Prison, *The Light is Yours*:
<https://www.suny.edu/impact/education/hep/documentary/>

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Virtual Panel discussion with experienced instructors who have taught at RCF (representation of instructors from all four colleges who have taught at RCF)

- benefits
- challenges
- Why they continue to teach at RCF
- Q&A

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—Re-entry and Second Chance Scholar: staff, instructors and students
In person at SUNY Potsdam, Room Location: TBA

Panel discussion with former Potsdam@RCF students living in the community and attending SUNY Potsdam and SUNY Canton. As well, representatives of the Board of Directors of our local Second Chance Scholars program and SUNY Potsdam faculty and staff who work to build a secure pathway for students from prison to complete their post-secondary education in our community will be in attendance.

If you have any further questions about these seminars, please send Dr. Nancy Lewis, Program Director of Potsdam@RCF an email at lewishnl@potsgdam.edu.