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#### COURSE OVERVIEW

# **Employment**

ITEM # W 124

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The cognitive employment lifeskills workbook is the latest in a series of evidence-based, cognitive restructuring workbooks designed to help offenders overcome self-defeating thoughts and behaviors. This course is designed to help individuals identify and change the root causes of their employment issues. If we never change problem thinking, we can never change the problem behavior.

The Employment Workbook is 44 pages long and takes approximately 15 hours to complete. This is a home study workbook, designed to be completed at home with a coach of the student's choosing, usually a friend or relative. It is a cognitive restructuring approach written at the sixth or seventh grade level, and it intervenes into the common thinking errors that keep people from moving forward.

This course uses the cognitive domain to challenge faulty thinking errors and the affective domain to build self-esteem and offer hope. One of the main messages in the workbook is that you are many times more capable and talented than you think you are. If you are not successful, it is your fault; your restrictions to gainful employment are self-imposed. The workbook follows the lives of two cousins, Chad and Jesse, as they break out of their loser mentality and discover that even in a down economy, there are many opportunities to make money.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES & SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- Growth mindset
- Overcoming self-defeating thoughts and attitudes
- Self-confidence
- Social skills for the workplace
- Personal responsibility

#### **RECOMMENDED USES**

- Self-Directed—Student does most of the course work independently with a peer or mentor
- Group—To be completed in a group setting with a facilitator
- Hybrid—A combination of self-directed learning and group instruction

#### **COURSE INFORMATION**

Course Format: eLearning and Printed WorkbookeLearning Length: 650 SlidesIteScientific Model: Cognitive RestructuringWaAuthor and Publisher: ACCI LifeskillsCo

Item Number: W 124 Workbook Pages: 52 Course Length: ~10 hours



# **COURSE CONTENT**

UNIT 1: BEGINNINGS Your beginnings don't have to be your endings.

✓ Available in workbook

Available in eLearning

corrections

UNIT 2: EMPLOYMENT FORMULA T = (F+E) = (V+A) = B = C.

#### UNIT 3: GROWTH VS DECAY We can choose growth, stagnation, or decay.

UNIT 4: SOCIAL SKILLS Can elevate you or keep you in decay.

UNIT 5: EMPLOYMENT There are many opportunities, even in a down economy.

UNIT 6: EMPOWERMENT No one can change you except you.

**UNIT 7: SELF-ASSESSMENT** You are more capable than you think you are.

**UNIT 8: OVERCOMING OBSTACLES** There is no trial that we can't overcome.

### CRIMINOGENIC NEEDS MET

- 1. Employment
- 2. Antisocial cognitions
- 3. Antisocial personalities
- 4. Antisocial relationships

#### ) LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- Self-assessments
- Scenario-based learning
- Application and skill building
- Self-reflection
- Role playing
- Discussion with coach
- Focused journaling
  - Knowledge check