



CONTEMPLATING CAREERS

Inmate Case Manager

Are you organized and objective? Are you able to work with individuals who may be dangerous? Do you have excellent vision and hearing? Are you emotionally and mentally stable? Are you able to communicate well in writing and orally? Do you have the temperament to work with inmates to minimize the risk that they'll commit new crimes? Are you happy working in the field and in an office? If this type of work in a varied environment is enticing, you may be cut out to be an inmate case manager.

Case managers, also known as correctional treatment specialists, evaluate the progress of incarcerated inmates as they serve their time. Managers are responsible for coordinating inmate training programs and analyzing program needs. As part of their work, case managers develop inmate social histories and must

objectively identify both the strengths and weaknesses of inmates in order to create release plans.

This position requires a minimum of 24 hours of college courses in a field such as criminal justice, sociology, political science, psychology, social work, or counseling. While 24 hours is the minimum requirement, you will be far more competitive with a 4-year degree in one of the mentioned disciplines. Salary varies based on education and experience, although the Bureau of Labor Statistics notes that the 2012 median pay was \$48,190 annually.



Career Video:

A case manager discusses his experience and current issues in the field.