Recidivism is the tendency of a convicted criminal to reoffend. Without an education, inmates are more likely to commit crimes following release and return to prison. But inmates who participate in correctional education programs have a 43 percent lower chance of recidivating than those who did not participate in such programs (“Evaluating the Effectiveness of Correctional Education,” RAND Corporation, 2013).

GTL’s comprehensive product suite of Rehabilitative Education solutions features a secure Learning Management System (LMS) that includes educational opportunities and credentialled content for a range of inmates—juvenile offenders, inmates, probationers, parolees, and inmates working in prison industries. As inmates move from the inside of a correctional facility to the outside world, they can continue their educational training after release as a continuum of rehabilitation.

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- 20,000 practice exercises
- 7,000 instructional videos
- Self-help courses
GTL offers educational packages that allow inmates to gain ground and tackle their education shortfalls. This educational content is offered on a hardened tablet that allows inmates to access the information securely at any time and complete exercises at their own pace. Inmates that are lacking basic educational skills or juvenile offenders that haven’t completed high school can start with several educational packages offered by GTL that focus on Foundational skills. These packages can start inmates on a path to success—English as a Second Language (ESL) Package, Basic Language, Basic Reading, Basic Writing, Basic Numeracy, Career Readiness, Computer Literacy, Life Skills, and GED Preparation.

As inmates progress into the areas of trade certificates and high school diplomas, there is an accredited high school educational package, several programs to help inmates complete the first stage of education, and even more options for inmates looking to obtain higher education degrees. GTL’s inmate education solution provides 65,000 pieces of credentialed content from major education content providers, including self-help courses; 20,000 practice exercises; 7,000 instructional videos; and a personalized learning dashboard, all available on a secure platform and a hardened tablet.

Education has a significant impact on recidivism, and GTL is leading the way with the best correctional educational system used in the United States. The Department of Justice reports that 76.6% of inmates return to prison within five years, but educational degrees lower the recidivism rate enormously:

- Associate degree holders return at a rate of 13.7%.
- Bachelor’s degree holders return at a rate of 5.6%.
- Master’s degree holders return at a rate of nearly 0%.

With GTL’s Rehabilitative Education solutions, learning does not have to stop once an inmate is released. After release, inmates have continued LMS platform access as they continue their lives as parolees. In addition, probationers can also be granted access to the educational content provided by GTL.

Studies have shown that correctional educational services are a lifeline to enlightenment and rehabilitation for inmates. They are playing a key role in rebuilding lives by providing a continuum of care and progression. Nearly 80% of inmates will be released to parole supervision (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2017), and any facility that has implemented GTL’s education solutions ensures that those parolees are given the opportunity to continue to grow and transition into a new phase of life.

This is done through GTL’s life-changing content and curriculum, which covers both productivity and transitional competencies. Productivity competencies offer skills, knowledge, and attributes that make individuals productive in the workplace. Transitional competencies help individuals to secure employment and make progress in their jobs.

GTL’s solutions also extend to prison industries, providing work training to inmates. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (2017), 95% of inmates will be released from prison eventually. When they are released, those inmates need to have the knowledge and skills to get and keep a job on the outside. Prison industries can teach vocational studies and their application in the real world—leading to internships in the trades upon release or partnerships with colleges and universities.

In addition to the benefits to inmates, society also benefits by having inmates participate in prison industries. Participation in such a program has shown to have a positive effect on post-release employment and recidivism.

GTL offers a variety of educational programs that cover the entire range of inmates, and we are committed to reducing recidivism and providing a way for inmates to better themselves during and after incarceration.

GTL is the leading provider of integrated correctional technology, staying close to the pulse of the market and providing holistic solutions, actionable intelligence, meaningful insights, and increased security and safety for facility administrators and staff.