



W H Collins (second left) in precincts of the court overseeing a man signing a temperance pledge. (D J Hogg Collection)



Referrals / Assessment

- Referrals from social work & the Courts
- Assessment looks at alcohol history & pattern of use
- Offending history and pattern of offending
- Motivation & capacity to change



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Probation Training and Education. Past.Present.E-Future?

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The history of probation

- Origin – 'save the soul' of those under the influence of alcohol
- 20s-50s – Years of professionalization
- 50s-60s - Diagnostic and treatment
- 70s-80s – Nothing works – risk assessment, electronic monitoring
- 90s – What works, Something works & Desistance
- post 2000 – black lives matter, e-probation, work with radicalized offenders etc.

Every stage come with certain education and training offers

| Period of probation | Training and education |
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| 'Save the souls' | PO – 'The man of God' |
| Years of professionalization | 'Great teacher and the good shepard' |
| Diagnostic and treatment | <p>Case work approach – strog relationship, empathy, 'warm and sincere concern', social diagnostic. Clients as sick people.</p> <p>Social work and practical help First training centre for PO – Chicago, 1950 Dimploma of social work in UK</p> |
| Nothing works | <p>Risk assessment, reducing the prison population, electronic monitoring – community prison</p> <p>Diploma of SW replaced by the Diploma in Probation Studies – away from SW – blended model</p> |
| What works & Desistance | <p>Rehabilitation revival RNR Model and Desistance Rebirth of relationship, new supervision models, core correctional skills – back into the class, role play</p> |
| Post 2000 | <p>New challenges – new type of clients (radicalized), e-probation – supervision by telephone, the birth of apps, probation kiosch etc.</p> <p>T&E – the same – class based, ad-hoc, paper and pen, role play, and not making much use of the modern technologies</p> |

Education and Training Reinvented

- Hybrid model – in person and online
- Use more and more the modern technologies: gamification, virtual reality, AI

Advantages of modern technologies – start of empirical evidence:

- Enhances the performance and the focus – experiment in medicine
- Create opportunities to make mistakes and learn from them without bad consequences
- It is a customizable experience – you can change everything – context, scenario etc.
- It can be analysed from both qualitative and quantitative – biofeedback and haptic
- Can be fun
- You do it on your own time
- Do it in a collaborative way – multiplayer platform

An example:

- Core Correctional Skills. The training kit.
 - The book (corecorrectional.eu)
 - The online resource
 - The International Training School on CCS (correctionalschool.eu)
 - Intensive five day course – e.g. [Serbia](#)
 - In the future – use of VR – see example:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8HDmWZO-Cg&ab_channel=AgenforInternational



The screenshot shows a website for 'Corrections Learning Academy'. The navigation bar includes 'Courses', 'Pricing', 'Events', 'Blog', and 'Academy'. The main content area features a 'Masterclass' section titled 'How to Create a Working Alliance'. A quote from Dr. Ioan Durnescu is displayed: 'This journey will take us to a place where we perform better in our correctional jobs'. Below the quote, it identifies him as 'Dr Ioan Durnescu, Professor at the University of Bucharest, Teaches "Core Correctional Skills"'. A portrait of Dr. Durnescu is shown on the right side of the quote.

- What do you think?

Thank you !!

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