

Graduation Requirements

Near the end of Phase III, participants must complete a request for graduation form and a pre-graduation questionnaire and turn it in to the program coordinator to be reviewed and approved by the treatment team.

When participants successfully meet all program obligations, a formal graduation ceremony is conducted. Successful completion of the Drug Intervention Program consists of the following conditions:

1. Complete the full 12 month, 3 phase program as described above including group counseling sessions, AA/NA type meetings, drug screenings, attendance in court and payment of all fines;
2. Maintain 6 months of sobriety and negative drug screens;
3. Be crime free for a minimum of 12 months;
4. Have stable full-time employment or full-time student;
5. Complete GED if applicable;
6. Pay total fine of \$1,200;
7. Complete 40 hours community service during Phase III; and
8. Write a letter to the judge addressing what the Drug Intervention Program has done for them and outlining a plan for the future including immediate support groups and follow-up care.

Graduation recognizes the participant's accomplishments. The treatment team, participants, and family members are invited to the graduation. This ceremony is an excellent example of what cooperation between criminal justice agencies can achieve. Graduates may be presented with a certificate of achievement and a token of congratulations.

Upon final release from the program, participants will complete an exit interview with the program coordinator. While graduates no longer need to appear in court, they remain on probation and must complete their probation sentence. One condition of probation is to continue their weekly AA/NA type meetings for a period of 12 months following graduation from the program and a 6 months after care program with the probation office.