STEP-UP is helping formerly incarcerated students to create a new future for themselves through education.

“You can’t change the world if you don’t get out of your comfort zone”
Colby B.  STEP-UP Student

“STEP-UP has provided me the tools to actually be successful in work and in life”
Aaron P.  STEP-UP Student

“STEP-UP has shown me that I am capable of achieving greatness if I believe in myself”
Ashley K.  STEP-UP Student

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STEP-UP stands for the Shasta Technical Education Program-Unified Partnership and is a partnership between the Shasta County Sheriff and Probation Departments, California Division of Parole Operations, Good News Rescue Mission, California Heritage YouthBuild Academy, and Butte County Office of Education.

STEP-UP’s mission is to provide academic, logistical, and limited financial support for students who have been formerly incarcerated and/or have suffered from alcohol or drug addiction.

STEP-UP utilizes restorative justice to provide a second chance for students who have made poor choices at some point in their lives. Our program combines support with accountability and community to assist students in making the transition to becoming successful, contributing members of our community.

“There is no such thing as failure, only feedback”

James Crockett
Student Success Instructor

Among the academic programs that STEP-UP supports:
- Adult Education (GED/HS Diploma Completion)
- Automotive Technology
- Business Administration
- Equipment Operations & Maintenance
- Fire Technology
- Industrial Technology
- Office Administration
- Welding Technology
- Agriculture (Tehama Only)

STEP-UP provides assistance for:
- Employment skills development
- Expungement clinics
- Job Searches
- Professional training courses (when available)

WANT TO BE PART OF STEP-UP?
If you are interested in being a part of STEP-UP and you are either currently on probation, parole, or work-release with the Sheriff’s Department please let your case officer know that you want to be considered for STEP-UP or you can call the Shasta County Probation STEP-UP Liaison at (530) 245-6720 to get more information.

If you are a formerly incarcerated student and are not currently on supervision you may contact Robert Bowman at (530) 242-7639 or email him at rbowman@shastacollege.edu or Misti Hardy at (530) 242-7610 or by email at mhardy@shastacollege.edu.

Benefits of being a part of STEP-UP include:
- Academic & Administrative support
- Counseling support
- Expungement workshops
- Financial Aid
- Internships
- Limited financial support
- Mentorship from instructors and fellow students
- Monthly student meetings designed to expose students to support resources
- Assist students with resources on-campus and in the community
- Student orientation classes to get your academic journey started
- Student-Instructor Interaction

2017 Chancellor’s Office Student Success Program of the Year