

Components of SDTP

The SDTP is a 24-month intensive treatment program, available to eligible individuals, and consists of the following components:

- *SDTP Level 1* - A minimum of 7 months of confinement inside of a SCI, to include 4 months of participation in an institutional Therapeutic Community (TC).
- *SDTP Level 2* - A minimum of 2 months of participation in a community-based Therapeutic Community (substance-use inpatient treatment).
- *SDTP Level 3* – A minimum of 6 months of participation in community-based outpatient substance-use treatment. During Level 3, the participant may reside at an approved furlough address or at a community corrections center (CCC).
- *SDTP Level 4* – the participant will complete the balance of the 24 months participating in community reintegration activities to include educational, housing, ancillary treatment, and employment goals. During Level 4, the participant may reside at an approved furlough address or at a community corrections center (CCC).

Upon Successful Completion

Upon certification by the PA DOC of the participant's successful completion of the program, the entire term of confinement that rendered the participant eligible to participate in the SDTP shall be deemed to have been satisfied.

Expulsion from the Program

A participant may be expelled from the SDTP at any time in accordance with guidelines established by the Department,

including failure to comply with administrative and disciplinary procedures or requirements set forth by the Department. An expelled participant shall be housed in a State Correctional Institution to serve the remainder of the participant's original sentence.

Extensions

Notwithstanding any credit to which the participant may be entitled under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9760 (relating to credit for time served), the duration of the SDTP is twenty-four (24) months, but if the participant is unable to complete the program within twenty-four (24) months and is otherwise compliant with the program, subject to the discretion of the Department, the program duration may be extended up to thirty (30) months total in order for the participant to successfully complete the program.

Consecutive Probation

The statute does not prohibit the court from sentencing an eligible person to a period of consecutive probation, which will remain even with successful completion of SDTP.

For more information about each program and criteria, go to <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/cor.html> or see Pa C.S. §6141

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State Drug Treatment Program (SDTP)

The State Drug Treatment Program (SDTP) is a treatment program that an individual sentenced to state incarceration may be referred to following evaluation and classification by the Department.

SDTP Criteria

Every incarcerated individual sentenced to state incarceration and meeting the statutory criteria below will be reviewed for appropriateness for SDTP. This review will occur when the individual is within 2 years of his/her minimum sentence. For those that enter the DOC already within 2 years of his/her minimum, the review will occur at Diagnostics and Classification.

Statutory Criteria

- The individual's minimum sentence is 5 years or less (before factoring in any RRR).
- The individual's sentence does not include an enhancement for the use of deadly weapon.
- The individual has not been deemed ineligible by the court or the Commonwealth.
- The individual must have a significant need for Drug and/or Alcohol treatment. An assessment will be conducted by the DOC.
- A person convicted or adjudicated delinquent of any crime listed under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 97 Subch. H (relating to registration of sexual offenders) or I (relating to the continued registration of sexual offenders) is not eligible.
- A person with a current conviction or a prior conviction within the past 10 years for 18 Pa.C.S. §2502 (relating to

murder), drug trafficking as defined in section 61 Pa.C.S. §4103, or a crime of violence as defined in 42 Pa.C.S. §9714(g) (relating to sentences for second or subsequent offenses), or criminal attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit any of these offenses is not eligible.

- The individual must be within 2 years of their minimum sentence to begin SDTP.

DOC Criteria

According to the SDTP statute, the Department has the responsibility to ensure that only appropriate candidates are placed into the program. Therefore, discretion is used in determining appropriate candidates. DOC criteria can change at any time. DOC criteria are based on what is best for the individual, the Department, the Community and the Program. Specifics can be found on the Department's website at the following link:

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/cor.html>

- The individual should have at least 7 months until their minimum and must have at least 24 months until their maximum.
- The individual cannot have an active Protection from Abuse Order (unless it will expire by the time the individual is ready for Level 2 of the program).
- The Department has developed a list of crimes we believe are inappropriate for Boot Camp participation. This list can be found on the DOC public website. These crimes are only considered if they are part of the current offenses. The Department will also consider the individual's behavior while incarcerated, amenability to treatment, prior criminal history, history of violence., and

assessment recommendations for substance use needs

Waivers

The prosecuting attorney may advise the court that the Commonwealth has elected to waive the defendant's ineligibility for SDTP if the victim was given notice and an opportunity to be heard on the issue. The court, after considering any victim input, may refuse to accept the waiver or may accept the waiver. Note: a waiver does not guarantee placement into SDTP. An individual with a waiver will be reviewed by the Department for appropriateness for the program.

Other Considerations

- Waivers of ineligibility requirements should be noted on the Sentencing Order to ensure the Department can identify them. They must include both the court and Commonwealth's position.
- The prosecuting attorney and the court have the individual authority to deem an individual as ineligible. This should be placed on the Sentencing Order.
- If a Sentencing Order does not mention ineligibility of an individual, it is presumed they may be eligible and the DOC will review the individual for appropriateness.
- Every individual that enters into state custody is reviewed for possible eligibility and placement into SDTP.