"For 25 years the answer 'this is all I know' was the reasoning for my incarceration.
EPI has allowed me to realize prison is not all I know."

~Ray, EPI student



Professor Cara Moyer Duncan instructing EPI students in her IN208: Rainbow Nation? course at MCI-Concord.

The mission of the Emerson Prison
Initiative (EPI) is to democratize access to education for those who have been historically marginalized or otherwise unable to attend college. EPI offers courses that are as similar as possible to Emerson's Boston

campus, emphasizing the philosophy that education is transformative in and of itself. EPI aspires to equip all students with critical thinking and communication skills in order for them to engage, critique, and transform the world around them.

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Students working in the classroom at MCI-Concord while a corrections officer looks on.

"Teaching for EPI was, without doubt, the most important and fulfilling teaching experience

Thave had."

~Kim McLarin, faculty, Writing, Literature & Publishing