



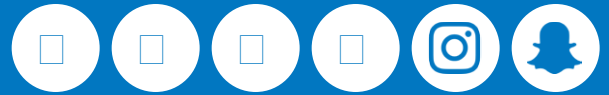
HLC Accreditation Evidence

Title: Accreditation

Office of Origin: President

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Accreditation

Barton Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges (230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604, (800) 621-7440, www.NCACIHE.org). Also, Barton Community College is accredited under the provisions of the Kansas Community Junior College Act of 1965 and is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges as well as the Council of North Central Junior Colleges. You can also access [Barton's accreditation documents](#) and the [Mission and Vision statements](#). See below for [Barton's State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement \(SARA\)](#) information.

The Open Pathway: HLC Pathways for Reaffirmation of Accreditation

Overview

The Open Pathway seeks to achieve the following goals.

- To enhance institutional value by opening the improvement aspect of accreditation so that institutions may choose Quality Initiatives to suit their current circumstances

- To reduce the reporting burden on institutions by utilizing as much information and data as possible from existing institutional processes and collecting them in electronic form as they naturally occur over time
- To enhance rigor by checking institutional data annually (Institutional Update) and conducting Assurance Reviews twice in the ten-year cycle
- To integrate as much as possible all HLC processes and HLC requests for data into the reaffirmation of accreditation cycle.

Assurance and Improvement in the Open Pathway

The Open Pathway separates the continued accreditation process into two components: the Assurance Review and the Quality Initiative.

- Two Assurance Reviews take place in the ten-year cycle; one in Year 4 and one in Year 10. The Year 4 review occurs asynchronously via the Commission's online Assurance System and without a visit. The Year 10 review is also conducted with the Assurance System but includes a visit to the campus, as noted below. No change requests may be combined with the Year 4 review; all change requests at Year 4 are evaluated separately through the Commission's change process.
- Between Years 5 and 9 of the ten-year cycle, the institution proposes and completes a Quality Initiative. The Assurance Reviews free the Quality Initiative to focus on institutional innovation and improvement. The institution undertakes a Quality Initiative as something it elects to suit its own purposes. Its timeframe is flexible to accommodate the amount of time necessary to complete or make substantial progress toward completion.
- In Year 10, the institution undergoes a comprehensive evaluation.

Timeline

Check back regularly for updates.

Major Projects

1. Institutional Update - Completed
2. Assurance Review due June, 2017
3. Quality Initiative ([Academy of Student Learning](#)) due September, 2019

Institutional Update Team – Caicey Crutcher, Mark Dean, Myrna Perkins

Assurance Review Timeline

Fall 2013 begin contribution to Evidence File and Assurance Argument

Evidence File and Assurance Argument Team – Team is still forming currently: Randy Thode, Caicey Crutcher, Charles Perkins, Cathie Oshiro, Mark Dean, Amye Schneider, Dr. Carl Heilman, Brandon Steinert, Julie Knoblich, Elaine Simmons (Acting Vice President), Ange Sullivan, Jenna Wornkey, Brenda Moreno

June 1, 2017 Lock File and Submission

Quality Initiative Timeline

Spring 2015 (Now) - Application for Academy of Student Learning – Charles Perkins, Caicey Crutcher, Jo Harrington, Ange Sullivan, Cathie Oshiro, Elaine Simmons (Acting Vice President), Dr. Carl Heilman, Brenda Moreno, Vic Martin

Focus: Measures, Tools, and Performance Criteria

Identifying and/or developing effective measures, tools, instruments, and approaches—as well as performance standards—to gather meaningful and effective data.

April 28, 2015 - Information and Planning Workshop – 2 or 3 Assessment Decision Makers (Charles Perkins, Dr. Carl Heilman, Elaine Simmons (Acting Vice President), Randy Thode, Brenda Moreno, Jo Harrington, Ange Sullivan, Caicey Crutcher) - Completed

June 3-5, 2015 Academy Roundtable (Randy Thode, Ange Sullivan, Jo Harrington, Vic Martin) Cost listed in Year One

Four-Year Academy

Year One	Starts Fall 2015	Ends Fall 2016
Year Two	Starts Fall 2016	Ends Fall 2017
Year Three	Starts Fall 2017	Ends Fall 2018
Year Four	Starts Fall 2018	Ends Fall 2019

[HLC Accreditation Timeline](#)

[Strategic Planning combined Timeline](#)

Eligible Programs and Locations

Barton Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and has been approved by the Department of Education (ED) to participate in Title IV federal funding. All programs and locations must be reported to and/or the HLC and the Department of Education.

View [Barton's accreditation profile](#) with the Higher Learning Commission.

View the status of [Barton's programs and locations](#) with HLC and the Department of Education.

Open Pathways Contact Information

Click on the underlined names below to send an email to the Open Pathways contact.

Open Pathways Liaison

[Myrna Perkins](#)

Open Pathways Institutional Leader

Elaine Simmons (Acting Vice President)

Open Pathways Core Team

Elaine Simmons (Acting Vice President), [Myrna Perkins](#), [Charles Perkins](#), [Cathie Oshiro](#), [Joseph Harrington](#)

Statement of Affiliation Status

Learn more about the applicable [definitions](#).

Chief Executive Officer: **Dr. Carl Heilman, President**

Name change notes: Barton County Community Junior College to Barton County Community College to Barton Community College

HLC Institution ID: 1267

Current Accreditation Status: **Accredited**

Candidacy Date(s): 03/31/1971 - 07/24/1974

Pre-accreditation notes: Pre-accreditation status: Federal Fund Eligibility Approval (1966)

Recognized Candidate for Accreditation (1971)

Candidate for Accreditation under new policy (1973)

Accreditation Date(s): 07/25/1974

Summary of Commission Review

Last Reaffirmation of Accreditation: 2012 - 2013

Next Reaffirmation of Accreditation: 2022 - 2023

Last Date of Information Change: 12/02/2013

Degrees Awarded (details below): Certificate, Associates

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)

Barton Community College is a participant in the [State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement \(SARA\)](#) initiative. SARA is a state-level reciprocity process aimed at making the effort to obtain state

authorizations more efficient for institutions and to make it easier for students to enroll in distance education programs outside of the states in which they reside. Visit the [BARTonline State Authorization webpage](#) for more information.

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