Barton’s actions and decisions reflect a public obligation in addition to serving the institution’s core educational mission. Since its establishment in 1965, Barton Community College has embraced its role as a public, comprehensive community college dedicated to providing quality educational opportunities that are accessible, affordable, student-focused, and continuously improving.

Furthermore, through its [END statements](https://docs.bartonccc.edu/accreditation/2022%20CRITERION%201/1.B%20EVIDENCE%20UPLOADED/1.B.1%20IE_END%20Statements.pdf), the College articulates its obligation to the public, including:

* Preparing students with skills needed for the program they are in,
* preparing students for successful transfer to other colleges and universities
* developing workplace preparedness,
* addressing regional workforce needs,
* supporting the mission through strategic planning,
* developing Barton service and regional locations, and
* making optimal use of its resources.