

"Barton Community College has shown me a new angle on my future. I see possibilities that I never knew existed. Without their drive to educate, I would never have thought a degree was possible. I have experienced personal interest from staff and professors that has sparked my need to learn more. Barton's consideration for all who want to better themselves can be seen in their open enrollment and their relentless pursuit of funding. If education can be the biggest factor of rehabilitation, Barton is at the forefront."

Parrish



"The Barton Community College experience is a great opportunity to further your education or explore new career opportunities. So many doors have been opened as a result of my education. I have a higher percentage of obtaining a Private Industry Job here at Ellsworth Correctional Facility. Not only will it help me here, it will benefit me significantly upon my release, entering into society and its job market. Thanks Barton Community College for giving me the skills to carry on in life."

Jerry



"Having the opportunity to receive an education while incarcerated has changed me for the better. The skills and information which the Barton staff have provided will help turn my life around upon my release. I plan on continuing my education and pursue a career in social work."

Christopher



"The Barton County program has been a powerful driving force in my life. I was at a crossroads when I took my first class. I had 18 years in prison done and 20 years left to go. I felt like I was not living, but just existing. The program has been a road of discovery. I have learned things about the world that are hidden from the casual observer and I have also learned things about myself.

I have been to several different prisons during my time and no other prison that I have been to offers this program. I feel blessed to be in this place and to be able to take advantage of this opportunity. Barton County has had a profound impact on my life. I have direction and a goal – my degree. I keep this goal in mind when I find myself in situations where I have to make decisions that could take me off course.

Thank you to the Barton County faculty, the Ellsworth Correctional Facility administration and all of the other people who work very hard to make this program possible!"

Jason

Barton Community College is a comprehensive community college serving central Kansas, including Barton County and the surrounding six counties. Barton opened its doors in 1969. It is home to a diverse array of educational offerings and opportunities, from traditional academics, performing arts and athletics, to career and technical programs and the local art hot-spot, the Shafer Art Gallery.

Barton has multiple campuses. The Barton County campus is just outside of Great Bend, Kansas, with an adult education center located in downtown Great Bend. Two satellite campuses serve Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth in Kansas via the Education Centers on the respective posts. Barton also has a campus in Grandview Plaza near Fort Riley.

Barton was recently designated as an Occupational Safety and Health Administration Training Institute Education Center, serving all of Kansas and into Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska.

Barton's online learning component, BARTonline.org, is a leader in online education, offering complete programs 100 percent online, and has been growing in popularity. It's average annual growth rate has been about 20 percent for the last five years.

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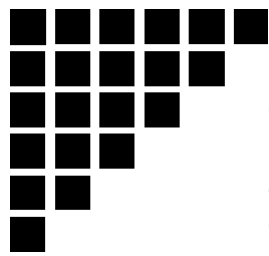
BARTON *BASICS*

Building Academic Skills in Correctional Settings



Certificate Opportunities

- **Manufacturing Skills Certification**
- **Welding Certification**
- **Computer Certification**
- **Plumbing Certification**
- **Associate in General Studies
(Business Emphasis)**



Barton Community College began offering educational opportunities at correctional facilities in 2001. The partnership that exists between Barton and the Kansas Department of Correction meets each agency's mission and supports individuals with education and training goals.

Together, Barton and the Kansas Department of Corrections believe education is the avenue that drives an inmate towards changing their lives. Learning opportunities that exist at Ellsworth Correctional Facility include:

●Adult Basic Education/Adult Secondary Education/ GED Testing

Upon successful completion of the GED test, students may receive one of three Barton scholarships for use in postsecondary education.

- 6 hours of tuition and fees
- 30 hours of tuition and books
- 60 hours of tuition and book

●Career Technical Training

- Manufacturing Skills Certification
- Welding Certification
- Computer Certification
- Plumbing Certification

●Associate of General Studies, Business Emphasis

Student Services are available for student inmates including:

- Career Counseling
- Academic Assessment
- Advisement
- Enrollment

Other Points of Interest:

- Student inmates may be eligible to receive a scholarship made available through generous donations from individuals and/or groups.
- Once a year, Barton and Ellsworth Correctional Facility host a Learning Celebration recognizing the academic and technical accomplishments of student inmates.

Interested? If you have questions or need further information, please submit a Form 9 your Unit Team Counselor.

Consider the opportunities with Barton!

Manufacturing Skills Certification

This 8 credit hour certificate may be completed in a five month timeframe. You will gain education and skills in the following areas:

- Basic Shop Math, Blueprint Reading, Geometric Dimensions & Tolerances, Precision Measurement and Quality, Occupational Safety and Employability Skills

A recent article outlined skills gaps in U.S. Manufacturing:

- 82% of manufacturers report a moderate or serious skills gap in skilled production
- 74% of manufacturers report that this skills gap has negatively impacted their company's ability to expand operations
- 69% of manufacturers expect the skills shortage in skilled production to worsen in the next 3-5 years
- 5% of all jobs in manufacturing unfilled due to lack of qualified workers

Source: **The Boiling Point? Skills Gap in U.S. Manufacturing**, Deloitte Consulting LLP and the Manufacturing Institute. 2011

Welding Certification

This 16 credit hour certificate may be completed in 10 months or less. Consider this program if you are interested in the following skill outcomes:

- Enter and advance in the welding field
- Perform welding operations
- Acquire technical skills associated with
 - Shielded Metal Arc Welding
 - Gas Tungsten Arc Welding
 - Gas Metal Arc Welding
 - Blueprint Reading
 - Cutting Processes
 - Safety

Associate in General Studies – Business Emphasis

64 credit hour Associate's Degree program which offers the opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills, while gaining an appreciation for lifelong learning. The business emphasis provides coursework in the following areas:

- Foundation Studies – 15 credit hours
- Humanities Requirements – 6 credit hours
- Social and Behavioral Sciences Requirements – 6 credit hours
- Natural Sciences Requirements – 3 credit hours
- Physical Education, Health, Performance Requirements 2 credit hours
- Minimum of 32 hours of Business Electives

Computer Certification

As a partner with Certiport, Inc. Barton offers computer training that may lead to industry certification.

Two tracts are available for certification:

IC³– Internet and Computing Core Certification (6 credit hours)

- Requires completion of Introduction to Computers and Computer Concepts and Applications
- Upon completion of the above listed courses, students will test for the certification exams

Microsoft Office Certification

Areas of Certification:

- Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook
- Requires completion of the following courses in addition to the IC³ Certification(6 credit hours)
 - Word Processing Applications (3 credit hours)
 - Spreadsheet Applications (3 credit hours)
 - Data Base Management Systems (3 credit hours)
- Upon completion of specific courses, student will test for the applicable certification exam.

Plumbing Certification

(Offered by North Central Technical College)

This 9 hour certification prepares students for entry level positions in the plumbing field.

Program objectives include:

- Possess knowledge to perform tasks of entry level plumbing employments
- Apply the theory of plumbing to specific jobs using reasoning/critical thinking and the ability to work independently
- Demonstrate knowledge of industry hazards and related safety practices
- Use mathematical/technical data in relation to the plumbing industry
- Use effective communication skills appropriate to the plumbing industry
- Demonstrate an understanding of personal and work characteristics that contribute to effective job performance

Coursework includes:

- Plumbing I
- Plumbing II
- Shop Practicum

