

## **Associate in Applied Science, General Education Requirements**

The Associate in Applied Science Degree prepares you for entry into a career. The coursework is relevant to the real world, promoting employability traits that range from job-related technical skills to workplace ethics and soft skills. The program of study consists primarily of career technical education classes but may also include transfer classes.

Prior to the beginning of the third semester, candidates for the Associate in Applied Science Degree must designate a specific program of courses approved by the appropriate instructional area and signed by the advisor.

The Associate in Applied Science Degree will be awarded upon the attainment of predetermined and specified performance requirements and satisfactory completion of a planned program of at least 64 college credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or overall "C." To be eligible for graduation, the student must have completed at least fifteen (15) credit hours from Barton Community College. Students who remain continuously enrolled from time of entry to application for graduation will be held to the catalog requirements in effect when they declare their program of study, unless a later catalog is adopted. "Continuous enrollment" refers to annual Fall and Spring semester enrollment (or equivalent) in a minimum

of at least one credit bearing course per semester. Should a student's enrollment be interrupted, they will be held to the guidelines and requirements of the catalog of record at the time of program re-entry.

This guideline does not apply to students with documented leave of absence justification or members of the military involved in deployment operations. Changes to prerequisites and/or curriculum which occur for purposes beyond graduation – e.g. regulatory and legislative updates, third party accreditation or other certification bodies requirements, increased skill demand from industry, employment or transfer requirement changes, or recommended and/or mandated changes from the Kansas Board of Regents or other such entities are not subject to these catalog requirements.

Prior coursework may be evaluated to determine currency of content before including the credit hours toward a certificate or degree. Developmental courses cannot be used to fulfill degree requirements.

**A minimum distribution of credits and general education course requirements shall be:**

## **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Distribution Requirement:** Minimum of 15 credit hours must be taken from at least three of the following five general education curriculum areas, unless specific general education courses are required by the student's program of study:

**Foundation Studies**

**Humanities**

**Social and Behavioral Sciences**

**Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

**Physical Education (maximum of two credit hours)**

**OR Health (maximum of three credit hours)**

In addition to the general education requirements, you must complete the remaining course hour requirements as designated in your particular area of study.

**TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE**

**DEGREE: 64 credit hours**