

**Executive Summary**  
**Paramedic Program – 52 Hour Certificate**  
**Post-Secondary Certificate Program**

***Rationale:***

Barton has offered an accredited Paramedic Degree Program for 11 years. The degree is a 68 credit hour Associate of Applied Science degree. However, the United States Army has mandated all Flight Medics become nationally certified Paramedics by 2017. Fort Riley is requesting Barton provide this much needed education. The military is requesting this be accomplished through a nationally accredited program without the requirement of a degree.

1. This can be accomplished however, without creating the Certificate Program; Barton will not be able to count the soldiers as completers which greatly affect statistics for our program.

The soldiers participating in the program will be chosen by their commanding officer. For the duration of the program, this will replace their regular duties. The program will be approximately six months which is half the time of a normal program. The classes will be Monday – Friday from 0800-1700.

The classroom, lab, clinical, and field internship hours will remain the same as the traditional degree program. Other than the timeframe, application process, and degree; the processes will remain the same for both the degree and certificate programs.

Kansas Board of EMS, National Registry, and Accreditation

1. Because Kansas requires a degree for Kansas paramedic class, this program will be outside the statutes and regulations of the Kansas Board of EMS. Therefore, soldiers will not be eligible for Kansas Certification.
  - a. The Kansas Board of EMS has been contacted concerning the request from Fort Riley and they support Barton assisting Fort Riley with their needs,

2. Our accrediting body, Commission of Accreditation of Educational Programs for Emergency Medical Services (CoA), has been contacted to confirm Barton remains in compliance of accreditation. CoA also supports our effort to assist the military with their educational needs.
  - a. The program will maintain the same procedures and processes as mandated by our accrediting body, Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP)/Commission of Accreditation of Educational Programs for Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoA).
  - b. When the annual report is due, CoA will assist Barton with making the necessary changes to reflect the soldiers as opposed to Barton's traditional paramedic students.
  - c. The certificate will also be reflected within our next self-study and site visit.
3. The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) administers the practical and written paramedic exams. NREMT requires all paramedic students to come from accredited programs so they were also contacted to be sure Barton's student soldiers would be allowed to take their exam since they would not be graduating from our program.
  - a. The NREMT abides by the rules, regulations, and processes of CoA. Therefore, the soldiers will be allowed to take the NREMT exams even though they will not be graduating with a degree from Barton.

Barton has an opportunity to assist our local military soldier/partners by offering the paramedic program through a certificate program rather than a degree program. Offering the certificate program would enable our soldiers to sit for NREMT Boards in a timely manner, supporting the USA Army's mandate for national certification.

| <b><i>Current Courses</i></b> |    | <b><i>Proposed Courses:</i></b>            |    |
|-------------------------------|----|--|----|
| General Education Courses     |    | General Education Courses                  |    |
| Comp I                        | 3  | None required for the certificate program. |    |
| Intro to Sociology            | 3  |  |    |
| Intermediate Algebra          | 3  |  |    |
| Interpersonal Comm.           | 3  |  |    |
| A&P                           | 4  |  |    |
|                               |    |  |    |
| Core Courses                  |    | Core Courses                               |    |
| Paramedic I                   | 12 | Paramedic I                                | 12 |
| Paramedic II                  | 12 | Paramedic II                               | 12 |
| Paramedic III                 | 12 | Paramedic III                              | 12 |
| Paramedic IV                  | 16 | Paramedic IV                               | 16 |
| Total                         | 68 | Total                                      | 52 |

***Admission and Graduation Requirements:***

The admissions process would change with this certificate. Because it is a military based class, the commanding officer(s) would determine who would attend the program. A certificate will be awarded once Paramedic I-IV have successfully been passed.

***Facilities:***

The classes will be conducted at our Grandview Plaza site.

***Resources:***

Our funding will remain the same.

***Faculty:***

There will need to be a shift in teaching duties. At this time, our lead paramedic instructor will conduct the first paramedic class. However, because of the intensity of this program, one instructor will not be able to continue in this manner. We will have to look at adding an instructor to assist with the military program.

***Outside Accreditation:***

CoA only requires we advise them of changes to our program. They support the decision to assist the military.

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