**Barton Community College**

**Commercial Driver’s License Updates**

**Executive Summary**

**Objective:**

* Prepare individuals to obtain a class A or B Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) with airbrake endorsement, School Bus Endorsement, and/or Passenger Endorsement.

**Curriculum:**

**Commercial Driver’s License- Theory** - 1 credit hours

* This course provides information necessary to meet Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSA) for Theory Entry Level Driver Training. Students will understand the components needed for driver/commercial motor vehicle (CMV) interaction, practices required for safe operation of a CMV, and introduces students to high level skills necessary to recognize and handle potential hazards. This course is a pre-requisite for Commercial Driver’s License – Behind The Wheel (BTW).

**Commercial Driver’s License-Behind the Wheel**– 2 credit hours

* This course provides information and techniques necessary to successfully meet the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Behind the Wheel (BTW) curriculum and acquirement of a Commercial Driver’s License.

**Program Changes:**

* Changing the course code from AGRI to TRNS.
* Offer the Theory course and BTW course once a month for 8 months
* Summer will be used for catching BTW students up who fell behind in their studies. Additionally, school bus and passenger customized training will occur during their timeframe as well as AAA Defensive Driving training.
* Reduce the theory course to 1 credit hour, eliminating the unnecessary information that was included for three credits, but wasn’t required by FMCSA.
* This would require a decrease in the number of required hours for the Scale Technician program. This program would shift from 27 to 25 credits, but students would still be required to obtain a CDL license. It could be either a class A or B with airbrake endorsement.
* There will be no change to SAPP status

**Financial Results**

* **Theory-** 15 students X $165=$2,475 X 8 months= $19,800
* **Behind the Wheel-** 15 students X $962= $14,430 X 8 months= $115,440.
  + The $962 assumes instate tuition and includes the $700 student fee amount.
* **Total- $135,240 per year vs $79,550 per year currently**

**Training Team:**

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