2613A – Tuberculosis Prevention and Control

In compliance with Kansas Statute KSA 2009 Supp. 65-129, Barton Community College has instituted a tuberculosis prevention and control policy for students.

All first time students enrolled and entering classroom settings will complete tuberculosis screening questionnaire prior to enrollment and/or starting classes. (Exempt students will include those participating in continuing education programs, seminars, inmates at Correctional Facilities and Fort Riley/Fort Leavenworth students enrolled in Military focused college programs**.) Finalization of initial classes will be placed on "hold" until requirements of screening questionnaire have been completed.

Students determined as "high risk" for tuberculosis as defined by Kansas Department of Health and Environment guidelines will be required to complete a Tuberculosis Risk Assessment. TB testing results are required prior to the start of the student's first course.

Any student who is not in compliance will not be eligible to attend classes, enroll for a subsequent semester or term, and obtain an official academic transcript or diploma until requirements have been met.

All international students (on the Great Bend campus) will be required to report to Student Health Services within 24 hours of arrival on campus or Monday morning, if arrival is through the week-end. Health assessments and TB Risk Assessment will be completed at this time.

Disease Reporting Requirement
State laws and regulations require that cases of tuberculosis be reported to local and state health departments.

Collaboration with Barton County Health Department (BCHD) will insure proper reporting and instigation of treatment plans. The Kansas TB Control Program along with the BCHD provides assistance with medications for the treatment of TB infection and disease.

**(Military focused college programs consist of classes generated by the Army and taught by Barton faculty to provide military training/education.)

Link to Kansas state regulations on Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Policy
http://www.kdheks.gov/tb/download/KAR_28-1-30-32_Proposed_Regs.pdf

Link to the state bill signed in March 2011
http://kslegislature.org/li/b2011_12/statute/065_000_0000_chapter/065_001_0000_article/065_001_0029e_section/065_001_0029e_k/

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