

Executive Summary
Fire Science – 24 Credit Certificate
Post-Secondary Certificate

Rationale:

Barton has had an approved Fire Science Program for years however; due, to the lack of equipment, personnel, and funding, the College has had limited chances to offer the degree. Local rural fire services struggle to find qualified Firefighters and they are also challenged to retain certified personnel. To become employable, potential employees need to be certified in Firefighter I and II and EMT.

Barton has the opportunity to assist our service area fire departments by offering a Fire Science certificate program. Offering the certificate would enable students to begin working within six to nine months; thus helping our smaller, rural departments employ qualified personnel in a safer and timelier manner.

Courses:

Intro to Fire Science	3
Firefighter I	5
Firefighter II	4
EMT	12

Partnership:

Great Bend Fire Department (GBFD) has agreed to partner with Barton to assist in offering the Fire Science classes necessary to achieve the certificate program. Classes would be offered at the Great Bend station. Barton would hire GBFD employees as instructors to teach the above classes. The EMT class would be taken at the Barton Campus.

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