

Barton Community College Carpentry Certificate Program Executive Summary

Project Overview:

Barton Community College recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC). This MOU provides payment from the KDOC to Barton in the following areas: GED/ABE Services, Positions, Vocational/Academic Offerings, Supplies and Technology/Equipment. The original term of the MOU is August 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 with three – two year renewal periods. As part of the MOU, Barton proposed the implementation of two new vocational certificate programs, Carpentry and Plumbing. These two new vocational programs are in addition to the vocational programs currently being offered at Ellsworth Correctional Facility and/or Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility. Current programs include Manufacturing Skills, Certiport (IC³ Certification), Microsoft Office Certification and Welding.

The goal of education, as outlined in the MOU, is to provide vocational training to the incarcerated population in line with the Kansas Department of Labor job demand and wage information. A large majority of inmates will release into Kansas communities, therefore, vocational/educational training will provide these individuals the opportunity to obtain family-sustaining employment upon release.

18 Hour Carpentry Certificate (Certificate A)

Carpenters make up the largest building trades occupation in the industry and those with all-around skills are in high demand. Carpenters are involved in many different kinds of construction activities, from building highways and bridges to installing kitchen cabinets. Carpenters construct, erect, install, and repair structures and fixtures made from wood and other materials. In partnership with the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) and the Kansas Board of Regents aligned curriculum, an 18 hour certificate has been developed. The certificate will require the completion of the following courses:

- Introductory Craft Skills—3 credit hours
- Safety Orientation (OSHA 10)—1 credit hour
- Carpentry Basics—4 credit hours
- Floors, Walls, & Ceiling Framing—4 credit hours
- Roof Framing—3 credit hours
- Windows, Doors & Stairs—3 credit hours

Upon successful completion of training, assessments and/or performance verifications, NCCER's National Registry records students' completions and issues the appropriate credentials. Students completing the 18 hour Carpentry Certificate will receive industry certification in NCCER Basic/Core and Level 1 Carpentry. It is these portable, industry-recognized credentials that many industry leaders look for when making employment decisions.

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