

Barton Community College Commercial Driver's License Course

Supported by the generosity of the "Wells Agriculture Enhancement Fund" Barton will purchase a semi-truck and trailer that will allow the College to start teaching a three credit hour commercial driver's license course. Mark Bogner and Dr. Vic Martin located a truck and trailer at "The Wray's Equipment Company in Sawyer, KS. Listed below are the specifics:

- 2004 Freightliner Columbia Day cab truck with approximately 500,000 miles---
\$24,500
- 2005 Manac 48' X 102' aluminum flat bed, spread axle, air ride trailer---
\$19,500

Mark Dean is overseeing the insurance and tagging process. The truck and trailer were picked up February 20th.

There is currently an advertisement running for CDL associate faculty member(s) with plans to hire multiple instructors in order to run daytime, evening and weekend classes.

Class time is tentatively structured to have six to nine hours of classroom time spent teaching the basics in safety, regulations and pre-trip inspections. At the conclusion of the classroom portion of the course, students will take the written test for their Kansas CDL learner's permit. Once students have obtained their learner's permit, they will make arrangements with the instructor to drive the truck and trailer. It is anticipated it will take approximately 30-35 hours of driving instruction for a student to have sufficient knowledge to pass the required skills test. The College will make arrangements to take students to either Hays or Salina to take the skills test.

Class size will be limited to no more than twelve students. Currently there are six students who need their commercial driver's license to earn their certificates in either Beef Cattle Production or Crop Protection. The College has also been contacted by a local construction company asking for a customized class for ten to twelve of their employees. The class will run at least four times per year (approximately every eight to twelve weeks) pending available instructors and student interest.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Click on [Photos](#) for pictures of truck and trailer.