

Corrections Certificate/AAS Closure

Rationale

The Corrections Certificate and Associate of Applied Science Degree originated through an established partnership with the Kansas Department of Corrections. The design was to provide training and education to prepare students for a career in the Industry. For individuals already working in the profession it could provide an opportunity for advancement within the industry.

The Corrections training program is distinct from the BASICS program that offers educational program to incarcerated citizens.

Enrollment

- Recruitment and retention continue to be a challenge with the Corrections program. This program has struggled to recruit and maintain interested students in the program for a variety of reasons but mainly due to personal and work obligations in the Corrections industry. The majority of students enrolled in Corrections courses are taking courses as electives for other majors.

AcademicYear	Program	Headcount	Enrollments	Billed Hours	Developmental
AY 2018-2019	CORRECTIONS	3	9	26	
AY 2019-2020	CORRECTIONS	6	24	71	2
AY 2020-2021	CORRECTIONS	2	3	8	
Total		9	36	105	2

AcademicYear	Continuing/Former Student	First time/first year	High School Student	Transfer Student	Total
AY 2018-2019	14			12	26
AY 2019-2020	44	12	9	6	71
AY 2020-2021	2	6			8
Total	60	18	9	18	105

Fiscal

- The Corrections program has a history of low enrollment that has created a small profit or loss through the years. Of bigger concern over the last couple of years the interest for participating in this program has disappeared to the point of receiving no more than 5-10 inquiries per year from prospective students. The declining enrollment, lack of interest in participating in the program, and the increased obligations experienced by those already employed within the Corrections Industry have contributed to this program experiencing a fiscal loss.

AcadYear	Student Revenue	Total Class Expense	Miscellaneous Amount	Non Instructional Salaries	Non Instructional Benefits	Operational Expense	Indirect Expense	Profit/Loss With Indirects	Profit/Loss Without Indirects
2018-19	\$51,642	(\$18,728)		(\$18,750)	(\$5,705)	\$0	(\$6,084)	\$2,375	\$8,460
2019-20	\$49,321	(\$21,995)		(\$20,261)	(\$6,059)	\$0	(\$7,111)	(\$6,105)	\$1,006
2020-21	\$17,297	(\$6,662)		(\$20,261)	(\$5,011)	\$0	(\$2,197)	(\$16,835)	(\$14,638)

Completion

- When looking at the completions since the beginning of the 2018 academic year it reveals the lack of students staying in the degree program to completion, with only two receiving a certificate and no AAS completions in this timeframe.

Completions by Major and Degree

AcadYear	Deg	Major/Concentration	Headcounts
AY 2018-2019	CERT1	Corrections	1
AY 2019-2020	CERT1	Corrections	1
Total			2

- The graph below illustrates enrollment by academic year, and illustrates that students taking the Corrections courses are not majoring in the Corrections program but are primarily criminal justice students taking elective courses.

Unduplicated Headcount by Academic Year



Conclusion:

- The Corrections program has experienced attrition in the adjunct faculty that are teaching courses.
- The adjunct faculty report the majority of students enrolling in Corrections courses are not interested in completion of the program, they are transient students from universities taking a course.
- The program has experienced very few completions of the Certificate/AAS degree since inception, and in the last three years has moved from a very small fiscal contribution to negatively contributing to Barton fiscally.
- Focus by the Kansas Department of Corrections is on hiring, training, and retention of employees through increased wages and the future potential for growth in this program has diminished.
- Corrections courses are being utilized more by students as elective courses for Criminal Justice majors as Criminal Justice provides more career opportunities.

Recommendation:

- Recommend closure of the Corrections Certificate and AAS degree. Individual courses under the CORR subject code will continue to be offered as elective courses.