

**Executive Summary**  
**Paramedic Program – 68 Credit Hour AAS**  
**Post-Secondary Degree**

***Rationale:***

Barton has offered an accredited Paramedic Degree Program for 10 years. The degree has been a 72 credit hour Associate of Applied Science degree. However, the Kansas Board of Regents is now requiring all Paramedic Programs to align within the required maximum 68 credit hour mandate.

In order to be in compliance, Barton needs to reduce credit hours in the core course work. The program will maintain clock hours as mandated by the statutes and regulations of the Kansas Board of EMS and our accrediting body, Commission on Accreditation for Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoA).

***Current Courses:***

General Education Courses

Comp I	3
Intro to Sociology	3
Intermediate Algebra	3
Interpersonal Comm.	3
A&P	4

Core Courses

Paramedic I	12
Paramedic II	12
Paramedic III	13
Paramedic IV	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>

***Proposed Courses:***

General Education Courses

Comp I	3
Intro to Sociology	3
Intermediate Algebra	3
Interpersonal Comm.	3
A&P	4

Core Courses

Paramedic I	12
Paramedic II	12
Paramedic III	12
Paramedic IV	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>

***Admission and Graduation Requirements:***

These changes will have no effect on admissions or graduation processes. We will continue using our application process for admission into the program and the requirements for graduation will not change.

***Facilities:***

No change of facility or location is expected.

***Resources:***

Our funding will remain the same other than we will see a reduction in credit hour revenue; otherwise, funding remains the same.

***Faculty:***

Currently faculty have requirements specified by the Kansas Board of EMS; none of the required changes will affect our faculty including number of instructors and qualifications of instructors; nor will we require additional staff with the proposed changes.

***Outside Accreditation:***

CoA only requires we advise them of changes to our program. They do not mandate specific hours and since we are only changing credit hours this will not affect our outcomes which is CoA's primary concern.

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