



Cougar Chat

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Schedule a campus visit for your students today!
Simply contact the Admissions Office and we will personalize a visit to your student's interests!!

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From the Director

Greetings from Barton!

I hope you had a great holiday season and find yourself renewed for the spring semester. It's a busy time of the year as we are finding many seniors trying to figure out what they want to do "for the rest of his/her life" and are scheduling campus visits.

As some of you are aware, we start the new semester without the services of Louis Ochoa. Louis has "taken his opportunity" and has been hired by the Kansas Highway Patrol and will eventually be stationed in Garden City, KS. Fulfilling a longtime dream, Louis will undoubtedly be a super State Trooper!

As they say in "show business".....the "show" must go on as Kala and I will be assuming his recruitment area. For those schools Louis has not visited yet this year, we'll be getting in touch with you soon to schedule a high school visit. In the meantime, and for those he has visited, please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you or your students. With over ten years of community college experience, your student's opportunity to attain additional education/training after high school is my number one priority. I am a firm believer in presenting the world's opportunities to each and every student. As I am confident in the quality of education, facilities, and supportive environment Barton offers students, I am just as committed in expanding a student's mind to simply exploring all the opportunities of higher education/training!

Your commitment to your young people is a tough and challenging job which I commend and appreciate! If I can be of any assistance to you.....whether it's to schedule a campus visit, high school visit, or come to your school to present a "Planning for College" program....please let me know!

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support! Have a fantastic spring semester!
- Todd Moore, Director of Admissions

New Barton Admission & Scholarship Application

As you may know, Barton is fortunate enough to offer scholarships to every student who has applied for scholarships by April 15th.

New changes have been made to make this process easier for both you and the student. As you will see on our Admissions & Scholarship Application, *transcripts are no longer needed for scholarship awarding*. The student simply needs to bring you (or a school official) his/her application to get academic information verified.

If you have questions please let us know!

Scholarship Process

- 1) Fill out Admissions & Scholarship Application
*Applications can be downloaded by going to:
<http://bartonccc.edu/prospectivestudent/>
- 2) Have academic information verified by a school official
- 3) Mail or fax back to Barton
*Contact information found on application

Barton Scholarships

\$1000 – 3.50 GPA or higher or
26 or higher ACT score
\$800 – 3.00-3.49 GPA or
24-25 ACT score
\$500 – 2.50-2.99 GPA or
22-23 ACT score
\$250 – 2.00-2.49 GPA or
20-21 ACT score

Happy New Year!!!!

Barton Admissions Process

As students complete their senior year, they often have many things on their plate that they have to balance. At Barton, we want to make the Admissions process as smooth and simple as possible. The following steps serve as an excellent guideline for students that are going to 'Take the Opportunity' to attend Barton.

Required Steps

1. Apply for Admission - Students can go to www.bartonccc.edu/prospectivestudent to print off the Full-time Admissions/Scholarship Application. Note that by filling out the Scholarship portion of the application, students are also applying for all Academic Scholarships. Barton does not have on-line application submission so the form will need to be mailed in.
2. Submit a completed High School Transcript or copy of GED with the graduation date.
3. Submit Official Transcript from any other colleges attended
4. Submit ACT or SAT scores if taken. If not taken, an Assessment test is required. Barton offers this Assessment free of charge through our Testing Coordinator. 620-792-9344.
5. Enroll in courses. Barton has set enrollment dates from the end of April to August. Have students contact the Admissions Office to set up an enrollment appointment.
6. Make payment arrangements with the Business Office.
7. Relax and enjoy the summer!!!



Optional (but highly recommended) Steps

1. Campus Visit – We highly encourage campus visits and believe they are an essential part of a student's decision making process. Barton offers personalized campus visits Monday-Friday from 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Students have the opportunity to meet with Admissions Staff, Academic Advisors, sponsors of athletics, activities and organizations of interest, and tour the Barton campus including housing.
2. Apply for Financial Aid – See page 3 for FAFSA tips.

Housing Deposit Change

Beginning in the Fall 2008 semester the Barton housing deposit fee will change from \$100 to \$120. The new \$120 fee includes a \$100 facility deposit and a \$20 programming deposit. Mandatory housing meetings will be held once each semester whereas attendance results in \$10 of the programming deposit being refunded per meeting. Basically, if the students attend the meetings, they will get the additional \$20 back!!

Fall & Spring Semesters 2008-2009	Semester Cost	Annual Cost
STANDARD PLANS		
Installment Plans:		
14 Meal	\$2,058	\$4,116
19 Meal	\$2,171	\$4,342
Deposit Required to reserve space. Housing reserved on a first come first serve basis.		\$120
Summer Sessions 2008-2008	Session Cost	Annual Cost
STANDARD PLANS		
9 Meal	\$478	\$956
14 Meal	\$550	\$1,100
Deposit – Summer		\$50

If you or your students have any questions about Student Housing, please contact Dan McFadden, Housing Director at 620-792-9281. Housing Applications are available online at www.bartonccc.edu/housing/application.htm.

Feature Program: Barton Agriculture

Agriculture is the leading industry in Kansas. From production to processing to marketing to plant breeding to crop protection to distribution to natural resources management to communications to financing to computer technology to animal health, more than one out of every five jobs involves some segment of agriculture.

At Barton, students can prepare for these many exciting agriculture career areas. Whether a student plans to complete a four year degree or go to work after completing a two year degree in agriculture, Barton can help.

The USDA reports a nationwide shortage of both two year and four year agriculture graduates. One agricultural employment area that is especially short of qualified individuals is crop protection application. To help ease the critical shortage in this area, Barton, working with area crop protection business, revised the crop protection curriculum and is placing a new emphasis on the curriculum. Crop protection application is a great fit for individuals who like to work with the latest computer and GPS technology, like to work out of doors and like to work in a challenging and stimulating environment.



Barton Agriculture also offers students an opportunity to get involved with the meat or crop judging teams. As part of these teams students have the opportunity to travel to contests all over the central United States. The teams serve not only as an educational tool, but also as a chance to network with Ag professionals. In addition, Barton provides internship opportunities and work-related experience in production agriculture or agri-business.

For more information about the crop protection application program or the Barton Agriculture Program in general, please contact Steve Pottorff at 620-792-9207 or pottorffs@bartonccc.edu.

Helpful FAFSA Tips

It's time for students to begin applying for Federal Financial Aid for the fall semester. The following are tips and suggestions from the Barton Financial Aid Office to make the process smoother for your students.

1. Apply early! The best time to apply is February-April. Waiting any longer could delay aid processing.
2. Complete application accurately and completely. Remember to provide all signatures required.
3. File 2007 tax return as soon as possible. Keep copies of all tax returns, W-2's, and any other benefits or income received in 2007, and be prepared to provide copies to the Financial Aid Office if requested.
4. Be aware of Barton's payment deadlines and try to have financial aid file complete prior to those payment due dates.
5. Explore financial aid options early at www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov. This site can give families an early estimate of their eligibility for federal aid. It is also great for familiarizing them with the financial aid process and the various types of aid that are available. Students can also easily transfer their info from fafsa4caster to FAFSA on the web, making the application process much smoother!
6. Important websites to know:
 - a. www.fafsa.ed.gov (To file online)
 - b. www.pin.ed.gov (Apply for a pin)
 - c. www.fastweb.com (Scholarship info)



Please feel free to contact the Barton Financial Aid Office if you have specific questions about the Financial Aid process at 620-786-1176.

Meeting Industry Needs: New Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution program

The energy industry has identified an existing skilled labor shortage that threatens to interfere with the safe and efficient transmission and distribution of natural gas. In addition to a lack of skilled employees, newly implemented state and federal regulations and advances in technology require retraining of the incumbent workforce.

Kansas' natural gas pipeline includes more than 2600 miles of transmission lines and 21,000 miles of main distribution lines for 120 natural gas companies that provide service to approximately 932,000 gas customers. The current workforce, charged with maintaining the integrity of these lines, includes approximately 2486 workers, of which 50% are expected to retire in the next five years.

Barton is offering a 16-credit, 33-credit, and 64-credit program to meet the needs of the industry. Barton's Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Certificate/Degree program is the **only one** in the state of Kansas.

The 16-credit Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution certificate will prepare students for entry level jobs in the natural gas industry. Northern Natural Gas has requested interviews with all successful of this certificate program who are in good standing with the college. They will be considered for Internships with the company, and potential employment. Other companies have indicated their interest as well. (Magellan, Panhandle, Southern Star)

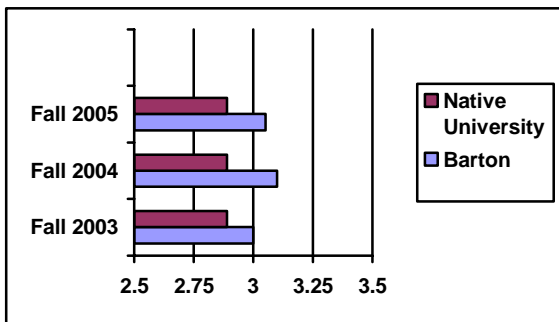
Students obtaining a 33-credit certificate will be prepared for more specialized, higher level employment within the natural gas industry.

The two-year (64-credit) Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Degree will allow students to earn an Associate's Degree in Applied Science, enhancing their earning potential and opportunity for promotion within the industry. Graduates may choose to work for utility companies, transmission and distribution companies, municipalities and other related agencies.

Entry level wages for this industry start at \$25,700 annually (not including benefits); with training and some experience that wage increases to between \$30,000-\$35,000 annually. With specialized training and 2-3 years experience these jobs pay from \$40,000-\$50,000 per year, depending upon the region. Employees with 3+ years of experience and appropriate training could earn over \$50,000 annually depending upon their location and area of expertise.

For more information about this one of a kind program please contact program coordinator Julie Kramp at 620-792-9278 or krampj@bartonccc.edu.

Barton Students Continue to have high GPA's



In general, Barton students who transfer to Regent's Universities have higher GPA's after transferring as compared to native university students. Mean scores are weighed by the percentage of Barton students from each institution. Regents schools represented: Emporia State, FHSU, KSU, and WSU. Barton students transfer to other institutions in the State of Kansas; however, no information was received from those institutions.

Upcoming Barton Events



- Jan. 14th – Spring Classes begin
 - Jan. 16th – Basketball vs. Garden City
 - Jan. 17th - \$2 Movie Night @ Village Cinema
 - Jan. 19th – “Christmas on the Plains” music concert taping for Smokey Hills Public TV 1:30p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, Russell
 - Jan. 21st – Campus Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - Jan. 26th – Basketball vs. Colby
 - Jan. 28th - \$2 Movie Night @ Village Cinema
 - Feb. 2nd – Basketball vs. Pratt – (*Hall of Fame Induction*)
 - Feb. 9th – Basketball vs. Cloud County (*Homecoming*)
 - Feb. 11th - \$2 Movie Night @ Village Cinema
 - Feb. 13th – Basketball vs. Seward County
(*Fall Athletic Team Awards*)
 - Feb. 20th – Basketball vs. Butler County (*Booster Awards*)
 - Feb. 21st – Shoulder Massages in Union
 - Feb. 23rd – Basketball vs. Hutchinson (*Sophomore Night*)
 - Feb. 28th - \$2 Movie Night @ Village Cinema
- * *Schedule is of home events only. Women's BB games begin at 6 p.m., Men's BB games begin at 8 p.m.*



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