

## "Doing Accreditation" Newsletter

## **Criterion 1: Mission**

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## Evidence of Barton's Guiding Mission

What is some of the evidence that shows Barton Community College has a clear mission that guides college operations?

- Barton engages in an established and transparent mission review process, which seeks input from multiple constituency groups.
- Barton's Strategic Plan operationalizes the Mission, supporting the Vision. Board Ends, Core Priorities and Strategic Goals further guide, and Key Performance Indicators measure progress.
- Barton creates awareness of the mission and vision by publicly displaying these throughout the campuses, on the Barton website, and in Barton publications.
- Academic programs and support services align with Barton's mission. Barton offers transfer and career technical education programs that meet student and

community needs. Student and academic services support student needs.

- Board ENDs reflect Barton's obligation to the public.
  - Teaching Essential Skills
  - Preparing Successful Transfers
  - Developing Workplace Skills
  - Addressing Regional Workforce Need
  - Strategic Planning Guided by the Barton Mission
  - Outreach to Barton Service Areas and Regional Locations
  - Effective Use of Resources

Partnerships supporting local

and regional industry needs, extension to high school, correctional facilities, military, and community service organizations and many other examples of outreach demonstrate Barton's commitment to respond to the needs of external constituencies.

- Barton embraces diversity through curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, campus events, and formal policies and procedures, which recognize and foster a climate of respect for human and cultural diversity, differing ideas, background, and perspectives.
- Budgeting and planning processes allocate resources to align with and support Barton's Mission and strategic plan.

## C1 Questions the HLC Team Might Ask:

- How would you describe Barton's Mission? Do you know where to find Barton's Mission statement?
- How is your work or the work your department does motivated by Barton's Mission Statement?
- How does Barton support the community?
- Are you familiar with Barton's Core Priorities and Strategic Goals? Do you know where to find these?
- How does Barton support students who are underprepared or struggling? Where do students go to seek counseling on how to pay for college?

- How do Barton's processes and activities reflect attention to human diversity?
- Are marketing materials up-to-date and accurate?
- Were you involved in the strategic planning process? Did you have an opportunity to provide input?
- Do budget decisions take into account recommendations from academic and student support program reviews?
- What do you believe have been Barton's major accomplishments over the past ten years?

HLC Visit October 24-25, 2022 Link to Mission | Vision | ENDs | Core Priorities | Strategic Goals: www.bartonccc.edu/missionandvision