

## **Barton Offers Early Childhood Education Online!**

Responding to the growing demand for qualified child care providers and educators in Kansas and across the country, Barton Community College is offering a wide variety of courses (hybrid, summer, and short-term) in Early Childhood Education on the **Barton County campus, online,** or through Barton's program in conjunction with **North Central Kansas Technical College at Hays.**

The Early Childhood courses are a combination of lecture and "hands-on" learning with the development of a variety of themed units, projects and materials. Courses help students prepare for their career field and placement in Early Childhood classrooms.

The online Early Childhood program is near completion with a deadline to be 100% by January 2011. Ten foundational courses are currently available and ready for students. We offer a combination of 9 or 17 week sessions, as well as, summer sessions to fit your schedule. All online instructors have a Master's Degree in Early Childhood or related field of expertise. Please take a look at the following webpage for degree plans and semester templates.

<http://earlychildhood.bartonccc.edu>

At Barton, you may choose from an AAS degree in Early Childhood or an AS degree planning to transfer on to a 4 year university. Barton has **2+2** agreements with **Fort Hays State University and Kansas State University** which enables you to receive an Early Childhood Unified degree.

Barton's Early Childhood Education program offers a **new scholarship opportunity** for students through the Early Childhood Associate Apprenticeship Program (ECAAP). This program utilizes registered apprenticeship in order for students to earn their **CDA** and help early care and education providers create high-quality learning environments for young Kansans.

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