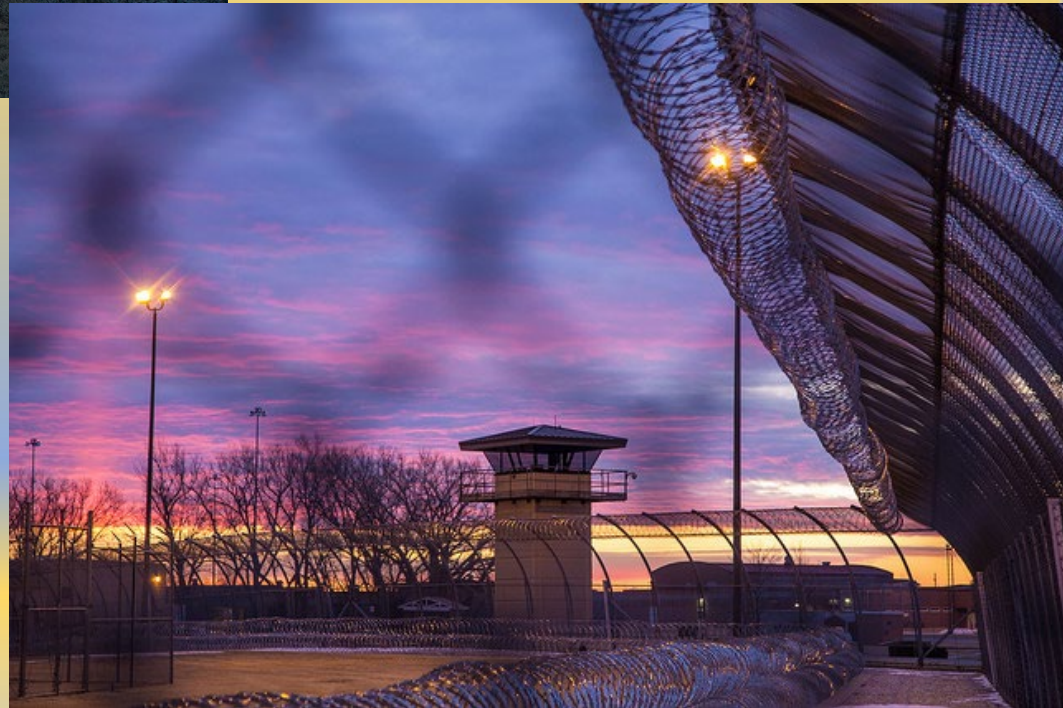




# Barton Community College

## BASICS Program



# Building Academic Skills in Correctional Settings (BASICS)

## What is correctional education?

- Educational programs designed for incarcerated individuals, covering everything from GED to post-secondary degrees

## Barton Community College involvement:

- Barton Community College has been serving Ellsworth Correctional Facility (ECF) and Larned State Correctional Facility (LSCF) since 2001 with educational programming.

## Mission and Vision

- The Vision - Break the cycle of incarceration through effective correctional education.
- The Mission - Barton empowers offenders towards successful reintegration through education and career training.



# The Importance of Correctional Education

## Rehabilitation:

- Education provides incarcerated individuals with opportunities for personal growth, improving self-esteem and life skills.

## Employment Opportunities:

- A key barrier for ex-offenders is employment. Education opens doors to better job prospects.

## Statistic:

- The RAND Corporation's study found that residents who participate in correctional education programs have a 43% lower chance of recidivism.

## Cost:

- For every \$1.00 invested in correctional education saves taxpayers \$5.00 in terms of recidivism costs.

1. Rand Corporation <https://www.rand.org/multimedia/video/2016/12/12/correctional-education.html#:~:text=The%20RAND%20study%20translated%20the,into%20a%20cost%2Dbenefit%20analysis.&text=Every%20dollar%20invested%20in%20correctional,in%20terms%20of%20recidivism%20costs.>

# Impact of Education on Recidivism

## Positive Behavior:

- Students tend to exhibit better behavior during incarceration when engaged in educational programs.

## Community Reintegration:

- Education fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and soft skills necessary for reintegrating into society.
- 95% of all incarcerated individuals will be released back into the communities you and your families reside.

## Statistic:

- An Associates Degree drops recidivism to 13.7%
- A Bachelor's Degree drops recidivism to 5.6%
- A Master's Degree drops recidivism to 0%



Anthony Smith released in 2022 from ECF. Program completed: Welding Certificate  
Works as a robotics welder in Michigan



Neil Tinio released in 2022 from LSCF  
Programs completed: Carpentry & Plumbing. Works as a rough plumber in Colorado Springs.

1. Wise Voter <https://wisevoter.com/state-rankings/recidivism-rates-by-state/>

# Programs offered at ECF & LSCF

## **Welding (ECF & LSCF)**

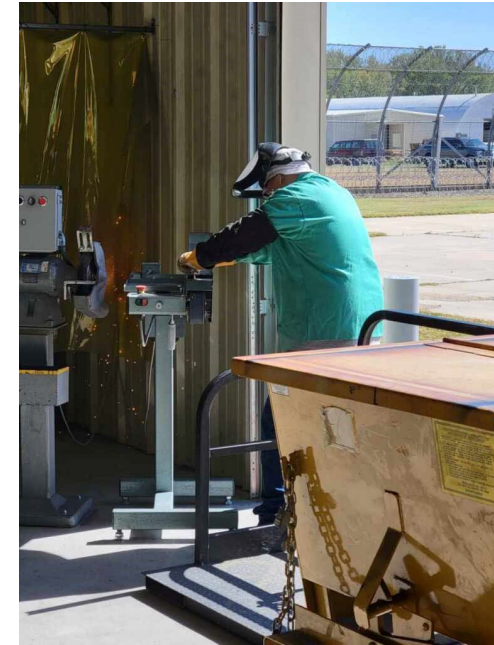
- 17 hour certificate

## **Plumbing (ECF)**

- 18 hour certificate

## **Carpentry (LSCF)**

- 23 hour certificate



## **Business Management & Leadership (ECF & Larned)**

- 18 hour certificate

## **Business Management & Leadership Associates in Applied Science Degree (ECF & LSCF)**

- 64 hour degree

## **Associate in General Studies (ECF & LSCF)**

- 60 hour degree

# Pioneering Online Education in Correctional Facilities

## Pilot Program:

- Launched in Summer 2024 with 19 students enrolled.

## Fall 2024:

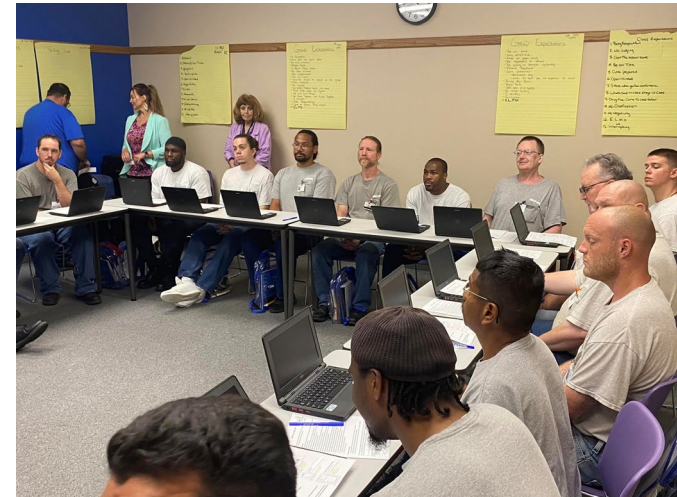
- The program has grown steadily to include 43 students enrolled in various online courses.

## The first:

- Barton Community College is the first in the state to offer online learning to incarcerated students.
- Barton and KDOC allows students to use laptops and take them back to their cells for continued learning.

## Empowering Students:

- This initiative is breaking new ground, giving residents the tools to further their education and gain valuable skills, while also improving their ability to transition back into society.



# Program Growth

## Unduplicated Headcount (Yearly)

- **2021:** 131 students
- **2022:** 135 students
- **2023:** 142 students
- **2024:** 172 students
- **2024-2025:** Already at **166 students**

## Credit Hour Generation (Yearly)

- **2020-2021:** 1,185 credit hours
- **2021-2022:** 1,586 credit hours
- **2022-2023:** 1,712 credit hours
- **2023-2024:** 2,130 credit hours
- **Fall 2025 Semester:** 1,285 credit hours **already**

## Online Credit Hour Generation (ECF Only)

### Fall 2024:

- **191 credit hours**
- **43 enrollments**
- **Courses:** Accounting, Anatomy & Physiology, Principles of Macroeconomics, Customer Service, Computer Concepts & Applications

### Summer 2024:

- **81 credit hours**
- **19 enrollments**
- **Courses:** Anatomy & Physiology, Computer Concepts

# Correctional Education Highlights

## Private Industry Partners

- Barton has developed strong partnerships with private industries, which actively hire graduates from our programming, contributing significantly to employment opportunities for our students.

## Branding Opportunities

- We are privileged to have branding permissions at each facility, allowing us to promote and market our educational programs effectively to a larger audience, enhancing program visibility and recognition.

## School Supplies

- Barton ensures that all students are equipped for success by providing essential school supplies such as pencils, pens, notebooks, folders, and backpacks. These resources help students focus on their studies without worrying about basic materials.

## Learning Celebration

- Each year, Barton hosts a Learning Celebration, a significant event to honor and recognize the achievements of students who have successfully completed their GED, Certificate programs, and Associate Degrees. This celebration is a moment to reflect on their hard work and accomplishments.







Questions?

