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# Community Services

## **Academy for Lifelong Learning** **Senior Citizens Program**

Offered through the College's Community Services Program, the Academy for Lifelong Learning is an opportunity for senior citizens (age 55 and up) to continue expanding their minds as well as forming new friendships and engaging in new and exciting social activities. This program entitles senior adults to participate in any of the following educational activities:

- Ongoing educational courses scheduled for seniors.
- Free tuition for persons 60 and older (Any fees will be the student's responsibility)
- Auditing available for academic credit classes.
- Use of Larry W. McCoy Learning Resources Center and James A. Glasgow Learning Resources Center.

The yearly membership fee for the Academy is \$60.

## **Alabama Technology Network** **Muscle Shoals Center**

The Alabama Technology Network of the Alabama College System links two-year colleges, the University of Alabama System, Auburn University and the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama to solve the needs of industry. Each ATN regional center tailors its services to meet local needs, providing innovative and cost-effective solutions to enable Alabama's existing industry to be globally competitive. The network is Alabama's affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Manufacturing Extension Partnership, which provides hands-on assistance and training to smaller manufacturers. The Alabama Technology Network is committed to meeting customer requirements and increasing customer satisfaction through the quality management system. After initially receiving ISO 9001:2000 certification, ATN then transitioned to the ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System standard. ATN-Muscle Shoals center specializes in environmental, health and safety training and technical assistance. For more information, please contact (256) 331-5422 or visit <http://www.atn.org>

## **WorkKeys®**

Across the country, employers, educators, labor organizations, and state agencies are working together to ensure that students and employees in their communities are adequately prepared for higher-skill, higher-wage jobs. Northwest-Shoals Community College serves as a contact for WorkKeys profiling, assessments, and skill training. WorkKeys®, ACT's comprehensive system for improving the workforce, can serve as a rallying point for these efforts.

Using WorkKeys . . .

- Employers can identify and develop workers for a wide range of skilled jobs.
- Students and workers can document and advance their employability skills.
- Educators can tailor instructional programs to help students acquire the skills employers need.

By contributing to a stronger workforce, WorkKeys helps strengthen the nation's economic health.

## **Community Services**

The Community Services Division at NW-SCC provides area companies and individuals with a wide range of technical training, administrative assistance, and personal development courses in the belief that learning is a life-long experience. This division is the flexible division of the college in providing the services not provided in the traditional education environment.

## **Training for Business and Industry**

The Training for Business and Industry (TBI) Department located on the Shoals Campus works with area companies to meet specific training needs. If traditional classes, academic and/or technical, do not meet the employee development needs of a company, a TBI coordinator will work with company representatives to develop training programs, locate a qualified instructor to teach classes, and set the training to the company's schedule. The coordinator will also monitor the class, along with company representatives, to make sure the employees are reaching the company's desired outcomes. For more information contact the Training for Business and Industry Director at 331-5289 or [mrwitt@nwsc.edu](mailto:mrwitt@nwsc.edu).

## **Computer Classes**

Because of the increased use of computers in every aspect of the world of work, the TBI department has regularly scheduled classes in the most popular software. Meeting two one-half days, these classes can easily be worked into the schedule of most employees. Courses include keyboarding, word processing, spread-sheets, databases, and presentation packages. Private classes, at the College or at the company site, are also available. For specific information on the availability of computer training in the Shoals, contact the Business and Industry Computer Training Coordinator at 331-5297.

## **Wellness Program**

Northwest-Shoals Community College's fitness center is available to students and the community who are 16 years of age or older. The wellness program has been designed to help people achieve optimum health and well being through evaluation, education, and exercise.

The Fitness Center is located on the Shoals Campus in the multi-purpose center and on the Phil Campbell Campus in the gymnasium. The main component of the Fitness Center is the Aerobic Super Circuit which is designed to combine strength training with aerobic training. Other equipment includes a stair climber, stationary bicycles, recumbent bicycles, rowers, and treadmills.

After enrolling at the fitness center, an evaluation is given prior to beginning any exercises. Occasional participants may need a release from their physician before being allowed to exercise.

## **Campus Child Care**

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