

Allied Health Linkage Programs

Northwest-Shoals Community College has established a cooperative linkage program with Wallace State/Hanceville. The first year of general education and prerequisite courses are completed at the College on either campus. **After acceptance to Wallace State, students transfer to Wallace State to complete the course work in the specific area along with clinical experiences to obtain an Associate in Applied Science Degree/and or Certificate.** The following programs are offered through this arrangement:

| Health Programs | Approximate Length of Study at Wallace State Community College |
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| Clinical Laboratory Technician | 5 semesters |
| Dental Assisting | 4 semesters |
| Dental Hygiene | 5 semesters |
| Diagnostic Imaging | 5 semesters |
| Diagnostic Medical Sonography | 4 semesters |
| Health Information Technology | 3 semesters |
| Human Services | 5 semesters |
| Medical Assistant | 5 semesters |
| Occupational Therapist Assistant | 3 semesters |
| Pharmacy Technology | 4 semesters |
| Physical Therapist Assistant | 3 semesters |
| Respiratory Therapy | 5 semesters |

Linkage students should submit an application for admission to Wallace State College as soon as they begin classes at Northwest-Shoals. Separate applications are required by each program. **June 15 is the deadline date for application.**

Students interested in pursuing any of the linkage programs should contact an advisor as early as possible. The student is strongly advised to contact the Wallace State College linkage coordinator (256) 352-8045 the first semester at Northwest-Shoals to ensure that the proper courses are taken.

Some of the programs specify deadlines for admission. If no deadline is specified, application should be made as soon as possible. Students will be expected to meet the academic standards of Northwest-Shoals. Since admission requirements and course requirements at Wallace State are subject to change, please consult with the linkage coordinator at this institution. Students who complete these programs are awarded the Associate in Applied Science degree from Wallace State. Certificates are available in Medical Coding, Medical Transcription, Dental Assisting, and Pharmacy Technology.

While attending Wallace State, the student will be responsible for tuition, books, an Accident Insurance fee and a Malpractice Insurance fee per semester. Malpractice and Accident insurance is available through the College at a low cost. Some programs may require students to carry health insurance. All students must have evidence of current immunizations and physical exam.

Linkage scholarships are available. **March 1st** is the deadline for application.

Call (256) 352-8031 to request specific program application.

Clinical Laboratory Technician 510899 CLS Career Degree - Wallace Linkage

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The Associate in Applied Science Degree for the Clinical Laboratory Technician Program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Upon completion of the program, the student is eligible to take a National Certification Examination.

The program is designed to provide education and training in the basic sciences and in the performance of laboratory procedures used by physicians to assist them in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and disorders. Graduates of the program are able to perform a variety of chemical and biological analysis on blood and other specimens using established standards and methods. They are skilled in hematology, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, immunohematology and other laboratory procedures. Laboratory technicians are employed in hospital laboratories, physicians' offices, and other laboratory facilities.

General Required Courses to be Completed at Northwest-Shoals Community College. It is not mandatory that all General Required Courses be completed before entering the professional phase.

Entering students are required to complete ORI 101. Transfer students are exempt from this requirement.

Semester Hours

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| BIO 103 Principles of Biology I | 4 |
| CHM 104 Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry | 4 |
| ENG 101 English Composition I | 3 |
| ENG 102 English 102 English Composition II or | |
| SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking | 3 |
| MTH 116 Mathematical Applications | 3 |
| Humanities/Fine Arts Elective | 3 |
| Elective Social or Behavioral Sciences | 3 |
| Total Semester Hours | 23 |

Students must complete specialized courses at Wallace State to receive this degree or certificate. Wallace State enrolls students in this program competitively and only in certain terms. See your advisor.

Health programs at Wallace State have program admission requirements unique to the individual program. Information on program admission requirements can be obtained through the WSCC catalog, WSCC website (www.wallacestate.edu), or Wanda Rhodes, Health Linkage advisor located at NW-SCC. Admission requirements may include, but are not limited to: CPR certification, ACT scores, Compass testing, and observation hours.

After program admission, all WSCC Health Science Division students are required to submit a physical exam, consent to drug testing, and criminal background checks to meet clinical agency requirements.