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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. Consisting of Continuing Education, Training for Business and Industry, and the Alabama Center for Advanced Woodworking Technology 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.

### Alabama Technology Network Muscle Shoals Center

Northwest-Shoals Community College is the location of the Alabama Technology Network (ATN) - Muscle Shoals Center. ATN comprises of fourteen centers that links the University of Alabama System, Auburn University, the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama and the Alabama College System. ATN has over 50 employees located throughout the state. ATN is an affiliate of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). MEP's, whose sole purpose is to provide small and medium-sized manufacturers with the help they need to succeed. The MEP Centers, serving all 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, are linked together through the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology. ATN-Muscle Shoals Center specializes in environmental, health and safety training and technical assistance. For more information, please contact 256-331-5385 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.

### Alabama Center for Advanced Woodworking Technology

The Alabama Center for Advanced Woodworking Technology (ACAWT) Program resulted from a study and evaluation to identify the needs of the largest manufacturing segment in Alabama, the forest products industry. The study was initiated in 1987 when a team of experts were selected and identified as the Alabama's Forestry Team with representatives from: Alabama Forestry Commission, Alabama International Trade Center (University of Alabama), Alabama Development Office and Forest Products Development Center (Auburn University).

This study determined there was a need for an International Training and Technology Center for Alabama's Secondary Wood Products Industry. The study determined that a large percentage of the secondary wood products were produced in Northwest Alabama. Therefore, the Phil Campbell Campus of the College was awarded the honor of being the hosting institution.

The Center is charged with developing workers skilled in the Wood Products Industry that are familiar with industry specific computers, computer programs and computer operated machinery. The workers also must be aware of the nature of wood and wood composites, tooling, maintenance, finishing, quality control, finance, supervision and other areas related to a typical manufacturing setting. Therefore, the Center offers seminars, continuing education classes, certificate classes and technical consultancy services to train workers and assist industry.

## Continuing Education

Many individuals within the service area of the College have educational interests that cannot be met by traditional academic courses. However, many of these interests may be pursued through continuing educational courses.

A number of classes offered through Continuing Education provide Continuing Education Units (C.E.U.) upon successful completion of a course. For every ten (10) hours of participation a student receives one C.E.U. There are some areas that C.E.U.'s can be awarded on a one to one basis (e.g., Nursing). The units are recorded as college credits, and a certificate is provided upon conclusion of each course as C.E.U.'s are earned.

At the College, the Coordinator of Continuing Education is responsible for the program and will work with various communities to determine the courses, workshops, and/or seminars desired. Interested individuals and groups may contact the director to express their interest in a particular skill or specific field of study. Courses are available in the area of computer training that is software specific; professional development courses that include Achieve Global training; personal interests courses; a complete senior adult program; youth programs and College for Living to serve those with developmental disabilities. A complete listing of the course offerings is printed in the College schedule each semester. For more information contact the Coordinator of Continuing Education at 331-5218.

### “Kids In College”

Offered through the College's Continuing Education Department, the “Kids in College” summer education program provides a unique learning opportunity for children who are home or visiting in the summer. “Kids in College” is specially designed for children entering grades 1-6. The camp brings children onto the Shoals Campus and into the classroom for lots of fun while learning. Children participate in age-grouped classes that provide hands-on, non-graded academic, creative, physical, and wellness activities.

## Academy for Lifelong Learning Senior Citizens Program

Offered through the College's Continuing Education 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.
- Ten percent discount for persons 60 and older for Continuing Education classes.
- 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.

## Wellness Program

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. Anyone who is 16 years of age or older may enroll in the Fitness Center.

Each person who enrolls in the Fitness Center is given an evaluation prior to beginning exercise. Occasionally participants may need a release from their physician before being allowed to exercise.

## Campus Child Care

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