

Human Services 510899 HS Career Degree - Wallace Linkage

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The Human Services Program offers three AAS degree options for the student: Mental Health Technician, Alcohol and Drug Associate Training Program, and Social Work Associate.

The Mental Health Technician (sometimes called a Psychiatric Technician) is trained to work in institutions, developmental centers, half-way houses, group homes, crisis centers, mental health centers, psychiatric units of hospitals, treatment centers, and a variety of other settings. He/she can work with the mentally retarded, the mentally ill, the psychologically and physically abused, the substance abuser, patients with eating disorders, patients with behavior problems, and many other types of clients in need. He/she may work with children, adolescents, or adults.

The Alcohol and Drug Associate option offers special training for the student interested in working with alcohol and drug abusers. With the completion of the course work in this program and two years experience in the field, a student will be eligible to take the state examination for a "Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor."

The Social Work Associate option enables the student to work as an assistant at facilities such as the Department of Human Resources, Community Action, Home Health Care programs, and with the elderly in nursing homes and assisted care centers.

A student may complete one or more of the three options, depending upon which field he/she wishes to pursue.

General Required Courses to be Completed at Northwest-Shoals Community College.

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

	Semester Hours
BIO 103 Principles of Biology I	4
CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications	3
ENG 101-102 English Composition I and II	6
MTH 116 Mathematical Applications	3
PSY 200 General Psychology	3
PSY 210 Human Growth and Development	3
Humanities/Fine Art Elective	3
Total Semester Hours	25

Students must complete specialized courses at Wallace State to receive this degree. Wallace State enrolls students in this program every term. See your advisor.

Medical Assistant 510899 MA Career Degree - Wallace Linkage

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The Medical Assistant Program is an integrated program of study that prepares students to function as allied-health professionals who perform medical assisting procedures, laboratory procedures, and basic radiographic techniques, usually in a physician's office or clinic. Applicants are not required to complete the general education courses prior to being accepted. Students are permitted to take general and major courses at the same time.

Administrative duties include scheduling and receiving patients, preparing and maintaining medical records, performing basic secretarial skills and medical transcription, handling telephone calls and writing correspondence, serving as a liaison between the physician and other individuals, and managing practice finances.

Clinical duties include sterilizing instruments and equipment, taking patient histories and vital signs, performing first aid and CPR, preparing patients for and assisting the physician with examinations and treatments, performing routine laboratory procedures and diagnostic tests, and preparing and administering medications as directed by the physician and performing electrocardiograms and basic radiography.

The Wallace State Community College-Hanceville Medical Assisting Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), upon the recommendation of the Curriculum Review Board of the American Association of Medical Assistants Endowment.

Graduates will be able to sit for the national certification examination for the Medical Assistant administered by the American Association of Medical Assistants Certification Board. New AAMA Disciplinary Standards, effective March 2000, state that if a person is found guilty of a felony or has pleaded guilty to a felony the individual will be ineligible to sit for the Certification Examination. The certifying board may grant a waiver based upon mitigating circumstances. A student who is a felon may be admitted to the Medical Assistant Program. However, this does not ensure that they will be granted a waiver from the AAMA certifying board and allowed to sit for the CMA credential. After successful completion of the exam, the individual will be a Certified Medical Assistant (CMA).

General Required Courses to be Completed at Northwest-Shoals Community College.

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	Semester Hours
BIO 103 Principles of Biology I	4
ENG 101 English Composition	3
MTH 116 Mathematical Applications	3
PSY 200 General Psychology	3
SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Computer Science Elective	3
Humanities or Fine Arts Elective	3
Total Semester Hours	22

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