

**Medical Transcription Certificate - Wallace Linkage** **510899 MTC**

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Medical Transcriptionists word process a variety of detailed clinical reports, including patient histories, physical examinations, and discharge summaries. Medical transcriptionists work with physicians, clinics, radiologists, and health information departments. Some transcriptionist establish their own home based transcription business. Excellent keyboarding skills and an extensive understanding of medical terminology are necessary for success in this field.

Graduates may apply program courses and clinical experience toward the requirements for the national Certified Medical Transcriptionist (CMT) credential, conferred by the American Association for Medical Transcription. Full time students may complete the certificate in two 2 consecutive semesters (fall and spring).

**All Courses in this major with a HIT or MTR prefix must be taken at Wallace State, therefore there are only four classes which a student may complete at Northwest-Shoals Community College.**

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

Certificate Requirements	Semester Hours
ENG 101 English Composition I .....	3
ENG 102 English Composition II .....	3
*OAD 101 Beginning Keyboarding .....	3
<b>Total Semester Hours .....</b>	<b>9</b>

**\*OAD 101 is waived in lieu of 35 wpm keyboarding proficiency. A second OAD word processing elective is a good option.**

Students must complete specialized courses at Wallace State to receive this 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](http://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.

**Occupational Therapy Assistant Career Degree - Wallace Linkage** **510899 OTA**

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Under the direction of an Occupational Therapist, the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) assists in evaluating patients and in developing a plan of selected tasks to restore, influence or enhance performance of individuals whose abilities to cope with daily living tasks are impaired or threatened by developmental deficits, the aging process, physical injury or illness, learning disabilities, or psychological and social disabilities. Occupational Therapy Assistants are employed in general hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, home health care agencies, private practices, and other specialized health care settings.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is a two-year course of full-time study. WSCC OTA education can now be completed at one of two instructional sites. WSCC has established a partnership to offer OTA courses at Faulkner State Community College-Bay Minette Campus. All students interested in the OTA program at either instructional site will follow the same curriculum guidelines and requirements outlined in this catalog. The Faulkner State instructional site is currently under development and is in the process of obtaining ACOTE accreditation. In order for the graduating students to be qualified to sit for the NBCOT certification examination, the new location will be required to obtain accreditation. The second year classes begin in the fall semester and three semesters are necessary to complete the final year of the program. The second year includes technical and clinical experience at a variety of health care settings where the student works under the supervision of a Registered Occupational Therapist and/or Certified OTA.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). The certifying agency is the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT). After successful completion of the NBCOT exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). Conviction of a felony may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or to attain state licensure. Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination.

**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 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I .....	4
ENG 101 English Composition I .....	3
Humanities/Fine Art Elective .....	3
MTH 116 Mathematical Applications .....	3
OAD 211 Medical Terminology .....	3
OAD 101 Beginning Keyboarding .....	3
PSY 200 General Psychology .....	3
SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking .....	3
<b>Total Semester Hours .....</b>	<b>25</b>

**\*Biology 103 highly recommended**

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PROGRAMS OF STUDY