

Welcome to the Health Sciences Department at Wallace Community College-Selma (WCCS). The Health Sciences Department offers the Patient Care Technician Program, Practical Nursing Program, and the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

The primary purpose of the Patient Care Technician Program at WCCS is to prepare persons for entry level employment positions in a variety of healthcare settings including long term care, home health care, and acute care as well as outpatient settings. Program graduates qualify to take individual certification upon program completion which includes all three areas of certification. The program requires three semesters for completion of the Patient Care Technician standard certificate, but participants may obtain Nursing Assistant and EKG certifications at the completion of two semesters if desired. The curriculum offers three stackable certificates which allow diversity in employment and early entry into the workforce. The program focuses on care of clients through theory, simulated labs and clinical experiences.

The Practical Nursing (PN) Program offers educational opportunities that allow persons to complete their goals of becoming Licensed Practical Nurses prepared to practice safe, ethical bedside nursing in a structured care setting under the direct supervision of the registered nurse and/or physician or dentist. Students are prepared to function within guidelines established by the Alabama Board of Nursing. The PN curriculum incorporates general academic courses in addition to the nursing courses. Methods of instruction within the nursing courses include classroom instruction, laboratory experiences, and guided clinical experiences in varied health care agencies.

The Practical Nursing Program functions as the second step of the Nursing Career Ladder of WCCS. After successful completion of the Practical Nursing Program, the NCLEX-PN, and academic requirements of the Upward Mobility Track of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, LPN graduates qualify for admission into the RN Mobility Program. In addition, the first semester of the Practical Nursing Program satisfies the requirements of the WCCS Nursing Assistant/Home Health Course for certification. Upon successful completion of the first semester of the Practical Nursing Program, students may apply to take the state licensure test for Nursing Assistant.

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program at Wallace Community College Selma is designed to prepare students to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) and to become professional nurses prepared to meet the health care needs of individuals of all ages at any point on the health-illness continuum. The ADN curriculum incorporates general academic courses in addition to the nursing courses. Methods of instruction within the nursing courses include classroom instruction, laboratory experiences, and guided clinical experiences in varied health care agencies. ADN graduates are prepared to fulfill entry level positions as staff nurses and may be employed in a variety of settings such as outpatient clinics, hospitals, long term care facilities, physician's offices, and home health care agencies.

Salaries are varied dependent upon job opportunities in the field of health care are continuing to grow. Salaries are varied dependent upon location, job description, skill, and individual attributes. To find out more information about the programs offered in Health Sciences at Wallace Community College Selma, click on the programs link. To find out additional information about the application process, you may wish to schedule an appointment with the Health Sciences Academic Advisor, Mrs. Irene Bonner. She can be reached by phone at 334-876-9380 or email at irene.bonner@wccs.edu Mrs. Bonner's office hours are Monday thru Wednesday, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm.

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Regulatory Bodies

The Associate Degree and the Practical Nursing Programs of WCCS are approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing.

Alabama Board of Nursing

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Accreditation Agencies

Wallace Community College Selma is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and our nursing programs have continuing accreditation status by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, INC. (ACEN). Further questions about each program can be directed to the ACEN.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.

3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
Telephone: 404-975-5000
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Certifications

Approved by: Department of Public Health

Nursing Assistant (NAS)
EKG and Phlebotomy certifications are through American Healthcare Association
Nursing Assistant (NAS) certification is through NACES.