

PRACTICAL NURSING DIVISION APPLICATION PACKET SPRING 2009

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE
COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION PACKET**

Deadline

The deadline to return this packet is **Noon on Friday, October 10, 2008 (CDT)**.

How to Submit your Application Packet

Please refer to the *Practical Nursing Application Packet Check Sheet* on page 3 for a list of items that must be included in your application packet. All items should be assembled, fastened together, and submitted as one complete packet. Either mail or deliver your completed application packet to Wallace Community College, Practical Nursing Program Office, 1141 Wallace Drive, Dothan, AL 36303.

Transcripts

Transcripts from **EVERY** college that you have attended must be included in your application packet. If you have not attended college, a copy of your high school transcript or GED credential must be included in your application packet. If your official transcripts are on file at WCC, you must still attach copies to your application. WCC Enrollment Services cannot provide you with copies of another school's transcripts. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable and may be printed from the Internet for most colleges. If you have attended Wallace Community College (WCC), you must also include a WCC transcript. **NOTE: WCC Enrollment Services has a 72-hour processing time for WCC transcripts.**

Minimum Admission Standards

Minimum admission standards for the Practical Nursing program include the following:

- 1) Completed WCC admissions application with the status of "Unconditional Admission" or "Conditional Status Cleared."
- 2) Completed Practical Nursing application packet received by **Noon on Friday, October 10, 2008**.
- 3) Minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA for students with previous college work. This includes **ALL** college coursework you have attempted at **ALL** colleges you have attended.
- 4) Minimum of 2.5 high school GPA for students without prior college work. **Your high school transcript must include a cumulative GPA**. If it does not, please contact your high school and request that a cumulative GPA be calculated. A GED credential is acceptable in lieu of a high school transcript.
- 5) Eligibility for English 101 and Math 116.
 - English 101 eligibility is determined by the following: successful completion of ENG 093 **OR** a minimum score of 62 on the writing section of COMPASS **OR** a minimum score of 20 on ACT[®] English **OR** a minimum score of 480 on SAT I verbal. *Test scores may not be more than three years old.*

➤Math 116 eligibility is determined by the following: successful completion of MTH 090 **OR** a minimum score of 37 on the math prealgebra section of COMPASS **OR** a minimum score of 20 on ACT[®] mathematics **OR** a minimum score of 480 on SAT I mathematics. ***Test scores may not be more than three years old.***

- 6) Be in good standing with WCC.
- 7) Meet the essential functions or technical standards required for nursing. Please refer to the Alabama Community College System nursing programs essential functions document on pages 7-8 of this application packet.
- 8) A score of 76 or higher on the COMPASS reading examination (or related ACT[®] reading score of 17 or higher). Every applicant is required to submit reading scores regardless of prior college coursework. ***Test scores may not be more than three years old.*** If you have not taken a placement exam, please contact Testing Services on either the Wallace Campus in Dothan (334-983-3521, ext. 2294, ext. 2281, ext. 2208), the Sparks Campus in Eufaula (334-687-3543, ext. 4249, ext. 4210), or the Fort Rucker Center (334-598-8866) for available test dates.

Copies

You are strongly encouraged to make copies of all materials in your packet prior to submission. **The Practical Nursing program office will not make copies of any items in your packet for use in reapplying to the Practical Nursing program or in applying to other programs.**

Questions

If you have questions, please contact Debbie Holman, Secretary, Practical Nursing Division, at (334) 556-2220.

The Practical Nursing program is approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The Alabama Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing can be contacted at

Alabama Board of Nursing
RSA Plaza, Suite 250
770 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
Telephone (334) 242-4060 Fax (334) 242-4360
Web site: <http://www.abn.state.al.us>

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission
61 Broadway 33rd Floor
New York, New York 10006
Telephone: (800)-669-1656 Fax (212) 812-0390
Web site: <http://www.nlnac.org>

**Wallace Community College
Practical Nursing Application Packet
CHECK SHEET**

**THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED AS THE FIRST
PAGE OF YOUR APPLICATION PACKET**

Name: _____

The following items must be included with your application for it to be considered complete. Please initial beside each item, acknowledging that it is included in your application packet. IF ANY ITEM IS MISSING, YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE.

_____ PRACTICAL NURSING APPLICATION PACKET CHECK SHEET

_____ SITE PREFERENCE FORM

_____ ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT FORM: This form must be checked either “Unconditional Admission” or “Conditional Status Cleared.” (You can obtain this form from Enrollment Services in Grimsley Hall at the Wallace Campus in Dothan, Student Services in the Administration Building at the Sparks Campus in Eufaula, or the Fort Rucker Center Administrative Office at 4502 Kingsman Street.)

_____ HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS (GED CREDENTIAL IS ACCEPTABLE) High school transcripts are **not** required if you have previous college work.

_____ TRANSCRIPTS FROM EACH COLLEGE PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED (INCLUDING WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE)

_____ COMPASS OR ACT[®] READING SCORE
(Also include COMPASS, ACT[®], or SAT scores if used as qualifiers for ENG 101 and MTH 116)

TEST SCORES MAY NOT BE MORE THAN THREE YEARS OLD

OPTIONAL:

_____ IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT AND WOULD LIKE CONSIDERATION IN RANKING, INITIAL AND ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION.

**Wallace Community College
Practical Nursing
SITE PREFERENCE FORM**

(Please include this form in application packet)

Spring 2009 applicants for the Practical Nursing program will have the option of choosing a traditional “**day**” program track offered at the Wallace Campus in Dothan, the Sparks Campus in Eufaula, and the Fort Rucker Center. Please rank your preference for location below by placing “1” beside your first preference, “2” beside your second preference, and “3” beside your third preference. If you DO NOT have a second or third preference, mark those spaces “N/A” and indicate only your first preference. **Please be aware that a minimum number of students is required at each location for classes to be conducted, so placement at your desired location is not guaranteed.**

_____ **Day - Wallace Campus in Dothan**

_____ **Day - Sparks Campus in Eufaula**

_____ **Day - Fort Rucker Center**

Please check each of the following that applies to you:

_____ Military Active Duty/Reservist

_____ Military Spouse

_____ Military Dependent

_____ Military Retired

_____ Civilian (Nonmilitary)

The Alabama Community College System
NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION
SPRING 2009

Date: _____

Program Applying For: **N/A** Registered Nursing Program **X** Practical Nursing Program

I. PERSONAL DATA

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: ____ Maiden: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Student Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

II. EDUCATION

High School Graduation Year: _____ High School Name: _____

GED credential (if applicable): _____ Date completed: _____

Are you currently taking college courses? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what college _____

List all courses currently enrolled in (List additional courses on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

List all colleges attended and the year (s) attended

COLLEGES ATTENDED, INCLUDING WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	CITY/STATE	DATES ATTENDED (FROM/TO)

Have you previously been admitted to a nursing program? Yes ___ No ___ **If yes, state reason for withdrawal and attach a letter of recommendation from the dean/director of the previous program stating you are in good standing and eligible to return to the previous program.**

Have you taken the COMPASS Test? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, date tested _____

NOTE: Score must be achieved within three years of application deadline to satisfy eligibility requirement.

Your name, as listed when tested _____.

I understand that completion of this application is a component of the student profile and does not in itself grant admission to the nursing program. I understand this application must be updated if I am not selected. I certify that the information given in this application is true and correct. I understand that providing false information may be deemed sufficient reason to dismiss the student and/or refuse admission.

Minimum admission standards:

- 1. Unconditional admission to Wallace Community College.**
- 2. Receipt of completed application for the nursing program(s).**
- 3. Minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA for students with previous college work.**
- 4. Minimum of 2.5 high school GPA for students without prior college work (GED credential acceptable).**
- 5. Eligibility for English 101 and Math 116.**
- 6. Good standing with Wallace Community College.**
- 7. Meeting the essential functions or technical standards required for nursing.**
- 8. A score of 76 or higher on the COMPASS Reading Examination (or related ACT[®] Reading Score of 17 or higher). Test scores may not be more than three years old.**

Admission to the nursing program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

Applicant's Signature

Date

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

Date received: _____ **Initials:** _____

NOTE: THIS APPLICATION, CHECK SHEET, SITE PREFERENCE FORM, ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT FORM, COLLEGE AND/OR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS, AND COMPASS OR ACT[®] SCORES MUST BE ON FILE IN THE PN PROGRAM OFFICE BY OCTOBER 10, 2008.

Please return completed packet to ***WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE***
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM OFFICE
1141 WALLACE DRIVE
DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36303

THE ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
NURSING PROGRAMS
ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The Alabama Community College System endorses the Americans' with Disabilities Act. In accordance with College policy, when requested, reasonable accommodations may be provided for individuals with disabilities.

Physical, cognitive, psychomotor, affective, and social abilities are required in unique combinations to provide safe and effective nursing care. The applicant/student must be able to meet the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations throughout the program of learning. Admission, progression, and graduation are contingent upon one's ability to demonstrate the essential functions delineated for the nursing programs with or without reasonable accommodations. The nursing programs and/or their affiliated clinical agencies may identify additional essential functions. The nursing programs reserve the right to amend the essential functions as deemed necessary.

In order to be admitted and to progress in the nursing program one must possess a functional level of ability to perform the duties required of a nurse. Admission or progression may be denied if a student is unable to demonstrate the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations.

The essential functions delineated are those deemed necessary by the Alabama Community College System nursing programs. No representation regarding industrial standards is implied. Similarly, any reasonable accommodations made will be determined and applied to the respective nursing program and may vary from reasonable accommodations made by health-care employers.

The essential functions delineated below are necessary for nursing program admission, progression, and graduation and for the provision of safe and effective nursing care. The essential functions include, but are not limited to, the ability to perform the following:

- 1) Sensory Perception
 - a) Visual
 - i) Observe and discern subtle changes in physical conditions and the environment
 - ii) Visualize different color spectrums and color changes
 - iii) Read fine print in varying levels of light
 - iv) Read for prolonged periods of time
 - v) Read cursive writing
 - vi) Read at varying distances
 - vii) Read data/information displayed on monitors/equipment
 - b) Auditory
 - i) Interpret monitoring devices
 - ii) Distinguish muffled sounds heard through a stethoscope
 - iii) Hear and discriminate high and low frequency sounds produced by the body and the environment
 - iv) Effectively hear to communicate with others
 - c) Tactile
 - i) Discern tremors, vibrations, pulses, textures, temperature, shapes, size, location and other physical characteristics
 - d) Olfactory
 - i) Detect body odors and odors in the environment
- 2) Communication/ Interpersonal Relationships
 - a) Verbally and in writing, engage in a two-way communication and interact effectively with others, from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds
 - b) Work effectively in groups
 - c) Work effectively independently
 - d) Discern and interpret nonverbal communication
 - e) Express one's ideas and feelings clearly
 - f) Communicate with others accurately in a timely manner
 - g) Obtain communications from a computer
- 3) Cognitive/Critical Thinking
 - a) Effectively read, write, and comprehend the English language
 - b) Consistently and dependably engage in the process of critical thinking in order to formulate and implement safe and ethical nursing decisions in a variety of health-care settings
 - c) Demonstrate satisfactory performance on written examinations, including mathematical computations without a calculator
 - d) Satisfactorily achieve the program objectives

- 4) Motor Function
- a) Handle small delicate equipment/objects without extraneous movement, contamination, or destruction
 - b) Move, position, turn, transfer, assist with lifting, or lift and carry clients without injury to clients, self, or others
 - c) Maintain balance from any position
 - d) Stand on both legs
 - e) Coordinate hand/eye movements
 - f) Push/pull heavy objects without injury to client, self, or others
 - g) Stand, bend, walk, and/or sit for six to 12 hours in a clinical setting, performing physical activities requiring energy without jeopardizing the safety of the client, self, or others
 - h) Walk without a cane, walker, or crutches
 - i) Function with hands free for nursing care and transporting items
 - j) Transport self and client without the use of electrical devices
 - k) Flex, abduct, and rotate all joints freely
 - l) Respond rapidly to emergency situations
 - m) Maneuver in small areas
 - n) Perform daily care functions for the client
 - o) Coordinate fine and gross motor hand movements to provide safe, effective nursing care
 - p) Calibrate/use equipment
 - q) Execute movement required to provide nursing care in all health-care settings
 - r) Perform CPR and physical assessment
 - s) Operate a computer

- 5) Professional Behavior
- a) Convey caring, respect, sensitivity, tact, compassion, empathy, tolerance, and a healthy attitude toward others
 - b) Demonstrate a mentally healthy attitude that is age-appropriate in relationship to the client
 - c) Handle multiple tasks concurrently
 - d) Perform safe, effective nursing care for clients in a caring context
 - e) Understand and follow the policies and procedures of the college and clinical agencies
 - f) Understand the consequences of violating the student code of conduct
 - g) Understand that posing a direct threat to others is unacceptable and subjects one to discipline
 - h) Meet qualifications for licensure by examination as stipulated by the Alabama Board of Nursing
 - i) Do not pose a threat to self or others
 - j) Function effectively in situations of uncertainty and stress inherent in providing nursing care
 - k) Adapt to changing environments and situations
 - l) Remain free of chemical dependency
 - m) Report promptly to clinicals and remain for six to 12 hours on the clinical unit
 - n) Provide nursing care in an appropriate time frame
 - o) Accepts responsibility, accountability, and ownership of one's actions
 - p) Seek supervision/consultation in a timely manner
 - q) Examine and modify one's own behavior when it interferes with nursing care or learning

Upon admission, an individual who discloses a disability can request reasonable accommodations. Individuals will be asked to provide documentation of the disability in order to assist with the provision of appropriate reasonable accommodations. The respective college will provide reasonable accommodations but is not required to substantially alter the requirements or nature of the program or provide accommodations that inflict an undue burden on the respective college. In order to be admitted, one must be able to perform all of the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations. If an individual's health changes during the program of learning so that the essential functions cannot be met with or without reasonable accommodations, the student will be withdrawn from the nursing program. The nursing faculty reserves the right at any time to require an additional medical examination at the student's expense in order to assist with the evaluation of the student's ability to perform the essential functions.

Requests for reasonable accommodations should be directed to Mark Shope for the Wallace Campus and Fort Rucker Center (334-556-2295) or Jane Boyette for the Sparks Campus (334-687-3543).