

The Drake Advantage

Students who attend Drake State Technical College will receive a quality education utilizing a combination of traditional lecture style classes, computer labs as well as hands on experience in our on-site training facilities. Class sizes are typically much smaller than other area institutions of higher education allowing for more one-on-one faculty-student interaction. When we say "Our Graduates Work", we stand behind a commitment to provide the educational opportunities to prepare our students for immediate entry into the workforce.

Getting Started at Drake State

If this is the program you select to pursue at Drake State, getting started is easy.

- **Complete an Application for Admission** and submit to the Admissions Office - Building E.
- Take the **COMPASS Entrance Exam (Room E-5)**. Testing will take approximately one hour.
- **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** online @ [www.http://studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov).
- **Attend the New Student Orientation** session held prior to the first day of Regular Registration each semester. This session is designed to provide an overview of the College and the registration process. An academic advisor will help interpret assessment scores.
- **Register for classes** with an advisor.
- **Pay Remaining Fees** in the Business Office - Building A to complete the registration process.

This brochure serves as basic information for those interested in the programs outlined within. For an all-inclusive list of classes and required course numbers, the J.F. Drake State Student Catalog provides the "official" requirements for graduation as outlined by the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education. A catalog is available from the Admissions Office or online @ www.drakestate.edu.

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HEALTH SCIENCE TECHNOLOGIES

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The Health Science Technologies offers a Nursing Assistant Program (CNA), Medical Assisting Certificate and the Licensed Practical Nursing Program (LPN).

Program Description:

As a Nursing Assistant a graduate will be qualified to care for the sick, injured, convalescent and disabled under the supervision of physicians, licensed practical nurses and registered nurses. This course fulfills the OBRA (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation ACT) requirements for training of long-term care nursing assistants in preparation for certification through competency evaluation. Emphasis is placed on the development of the knowledge, attitudes and skills required of the long-term care nursing assistant. Upon completion of this course, the student should demonstrate satisfactory performance on written examinations and clinical skills. Heartsaver CPR certification is included in this course.

Expected Earnings/Salary

Earnings for Certified Nursing Assistants as reported by the 2008-2009 Occupational Outlook Handbook are as follows:

The median hourly earnings are \$10.67.

The middle 50 percent earn between \$9.09 and \$12.80 per hour.

The highest 10 percent earn more than \$14.99 per hour.

Skills Needed

Success as a Certified Nursing Assistant requires a caring and empathetic nature, emotional stability due to the stress of caring for persons with health issues, the ability to follow orders and to work under close supervision.

Program Description – Medical Assisting

(Pending Approval from Alabama Post Secondary Education with anticipated enrollment for Fall 2009)

A graduate of the Medical Assisting Program will be prepared to perform administrative functions in a physician's office to include: scheduling and receiving patients, handling telephone communications, prepare written communications, process mail, maintain and file patient records, enter computer data, prepare bills and process patient's medical insurance. Additionally, a graduate will also be able to perform clinical functions in the physician's office to include: obtaining vital signs, taking patient histories, assisting physician with physical examination of the patient, clinical laboratory testing, electrocardiography, administering medication and treatment procedures.

Expected Earnings/Salary

Earnings for Medical Assistants as reported by the 2008-2009 Occupational Outlook Handbook are as follows:

The median annual earnings are \$26,290.

The middle 50 percent earn between \$21,970 and \$31,210 annually.

The highest 10 percent earn more than \$36,840 annually.

Skills Needed

The ideal Medical Assistant is well groomed, neat and courteous. Because this position works with the public, it is imperative to have a calm demeanor to put patients at ease and remain calm. The ability to maintain confidential records and information is required. Because a Medical Assistant is often required to record vitals and charting information, good dexterity and eyesight are important.

Program Description – Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

The LPN program has existed since 1965. This division of Instruction is approved by the State department of Education and the Alabama Board of Nursing. Practical Nursing is a comprehensive course of study that combines theory with clinical practice. The curriculum is designed to provide qualified individuals an opportunity to acquire the knowledge, attitudes and skills to become safe and competent practitioners of practical nursing. To become licensed, graduates of this program must successfully write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN).

Expected Earnings/Salary

Earnings for Licensed Practical Nurses as reported by the 2008-2009 Occupational Outlook Handbook are as follows:

Median annual earnings for Licensed Practical Nurses are \$36,550.

The middle 50 percent earn between \$31,080 and \$43,640 annually.

The highest 10 percent earned more than \$50,480.

Skills Needed

Successful LPNs have a caring and empathetic nature and have a high tolerance for stress. This profession also requires keen observational, decision-making and communication skills.

Books, Uniforms & Supplies

Students purchase books, uniforms and supplies as required for all programs within the Health Science Technologies. Purchasing is coordinated by the Nursing Instructors in cooperation with the business office.

Types of Programs Offered

There are two levels of training offered within the Health Science Technologies Program:

Career Skills Certificate – Nursing Assistant

Career Entry Certificate – Licensed Practical Nursing

Courses for Career Skills Certificate – Certified Nursing Assistant

Core/Technical Concentration

Long Term Nursing

The Certified Nursing Assistant Program is a short certificate program, therefore, these classes are offered at times other than the traditional semester schedules of other classes. A fast track program is available allowing students to complete the program in only ten days. The class meets from 8am - 5pm on the Drake State campus. Please visit www.drakestate.edu for the latest class schedules and additional requirements.

Career Entry Certificate – Licensed Practical Nursing

Areas I-IV are general education courses. For exact courses and credit hours required see the Drake State Catalog.

Area I English/Communications
Area III Natural Sciences/Math/Computer Science
Area VI Core/Technical Concentration
(sample topics listed below)

Fundamentals of Nursing
Health Assessment
Intro to Pharmacology
Adult Nursing
Maternal & Child Nursing
Adult/Child Nursing
Psychosocial Nursing
Role Transition for the Practical Nurse

Additional requirements include 1 credit hour for Orientation and a non-credit entry for Graduation

Approximate Credit Hours Required: 53