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Wallace Community College Welcomes Nursing Students to Fall 2012 Orientation

Dothan, Ala.—On Monday, July 9 Wallace Community College will welcome over 200 students who have been accepted into the College's nursing program this fall. Associated Degree Nursing (ADN) and Practical Nursing (PN) students will visit the campus to participate in orientation. They will also meet with faculty members for fall schedule advising.

Over 300 applications were received for the ADN Program, and 90 were accepted for the traditional program and 22 for the LPN to RN mobility program. For the PN program, approximately 130 applications were received, and 96 applicants were accepted.

Wallace offers flexible schedules for nursing students, including night and weekend classes. The College produces an ADN graduating class every semester; PN classes graduate in the summer and fall. Since 1971, WCC has graduated 3,523 from the associated degree nursing program, which includes the May 2012 graduation. There have been 97 ADN graduates this academic year (spring 2011 and fall 2012). The practical nursing program has graduated over 3,000 students since its inception, and was one of the earliest offerings at the College.

ADN graduates are required to pass the NCLEX-RN exam given by the Alabama Board of Nursing, while PN graduates take the NCLEX-PN exam. Wallace's program pass rate exceeds the benchmark set by the Board for both tests, which is 80%. The fall 2011 ADN class pass rate was 92.7%; the fall 2012 PN class had a 94.7% pass rate.

The programs are approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing and are fully accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The next NLNAC review will be in 2015 for ADN and 2016 for PN.

For additional information about Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) contact Michelle Blackmon at mblackmon@wallace.edu, or call 334-556-2262. For information about Practical Nursing (PN) contact Debbie Holman at dholman@wallace.edu, or call 334-556-2220. Applications for both programs will be available on August 1 and can be obtained from the WCC website (<http://www.wallace.edu/deptpages/health/>) or from the individual program offices. Applications are due by noon on Friday, October 5th.

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