

NORTHWEST-SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
August 31st, 2016

**Official Request for a Vote to Approve Curriculum and Admission Criteria for the
ADN and PN Programs submitted to the Academic Council by E-mail**

On March 15, 2016, Shelia Smith notified the Academic Council of the changes to the Nursing Admission Standards and proposed changes to the nursing curriculum, pending accreditation approval. The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) approved the curriculum for our ADN program. The Alabama Board of Nursing has approved the curriculum for the ADN and PN programs.

On August 29, 2016, the Northwest-Shoals Community College Academic Council received an official request by e-mail from Ms. Brittney Humphres, Director of Nursing Education, requesting a vote to approve changes. The following members have voted in favor: Rose Jones, Mark Simpson, Tim Kelly, Tom Carter, Edwin Carter, Heather Johnson, Timmy James, Tim Maupin, Rachel Trapp, Debbie Benson, John McIntosh, Crystal Reed, Kim Tucker, Roger Garner and Brittney Humphres.

Nursing Curriculum changes from the March 15, 2016 Academic Council Meeting included:

Effective September, 2016, the minimum Admission Standards will change for the Associate Degree in Nursing. Major changes include:

- A minimum 18 ACT composite score (writing component not required) National or Residual with no expiration date
- A minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average on required general education courses for Nursing
- Current or previous NW-SCC students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher at NW-SCC
- Transfer students must enter NW-SCC on clear academic status (minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA)
- Student must be eligible for ENG 101 and MTH 100
- PSY 200 is to be waved for the A.A.S. Degree in Nursing (RN)

The start date for the PN program will be moved from fall to summer. The PN curriculum will change. Two general education courses were added: SPH 107 and PSY 210 (with PSY 200 waved). Some admission standards will change, including:

- TEAS/TEAS V has a 2-year instead of 3-year limit
- Student must be eligible for MTH100 since MTH100 is now in the curriculum instead of MTH116