



Alabama State Board of Education policy 801.01, Admissions General, requires that applicants to Alabama Community College System institutions provide one primary form of identification **OR** two secondary forms of identification *prior to admission*.

Prior to being admitted, you must present one *primary* form of identification from the list below:

Unexpired Alabama driver's license	Unexpired U.S. passport
Unexpired Alabama identification card	Unexpired U.S. permanent resident card
Resident Alien Card, Pre-1997	U.S. Resident Alien Registration Receipt Card (form I-151 prior to 1978)
BIA or tribal identification card with photo	Unexpired Out of State driver's license (accepted upon verification that the issuing state required proof of citizenship for obtaining the driver's license.)

OR

Prior to being admitted, you must present 2 forms of *secondary* identification, 1 of which must include your photograph, from the list below:

U.S. Certificate of Naturalization	BIA or tribal affidavit of birth or certificate of Indian blood
Social Security Card (without restrictions)	USCIS I94 or I94A form
Certified copy of a U.S. Birth Certificate or a U.S. State Department Certificate of Birth Abroad	USCIS employment authorization document (I-688A, I-688B, I-766)
U.S. Certificate of Citizenship	U.S. Military DD-214
U.S. Military I.D. (active duty, reserve, retired)	U.S. travel document (mint green cover) endorsed with Permit to re-enter (Form I 327 or refugee travel document Form I-571)
School ID (with photo)	U.S. application for voluntary departure under family unity program (Form I-797)
U.S. Armed Forces Driver's License	U.S. temporary resident card (Form I-688)
Legal Guardian Affidavit	U.S. notice of approval to apply for permanent residents (Form I-171 or I-463)
Selective Service Card	Other documentation issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or presenting status permitted under 8 U.S. Code section 1621 and 1641
W-2 Form	Employee ID Badge (with photo)
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Card	U.S. travel document (mint green cover) endorsed with Permit to re-enter (Form I327 or refugee travel document Form I-571)
Concealed Weapons Permit	Medical Insurance ID card (except Medicare card or a Mexican Matricula Consulate card)
Marriage Certificate issued in any U.S. state, territory, or possession	For documentation not listed above or provided in U.S. Code, contact the Department of Postsecondary Education, Instructional and Student Services Division for assistance in determining eligibility.

Primary or secondary forms of identification may be presented in person or through U.S. mail (notarized copies). If you complete your application in person, please present your application to admission staff along with your form(s) of identification to be included with your application. Primary or secondary forms of identification mailed to the Admissions Office *must* be notarized. **Faxed copies will not be accepted.** Notarized forms of identification may be mailed to either of the following locations:

Lawson State Community College
 Admissions Office-Bessemer Campus
 1100 9th Ave. S.W.
 Bessemer, AL 35022
 (205) 929-3414

Lawson State Community College
 Admissions Office-Birmingham Campus
 3060 Wilson Road S.W.
 Birmingham, AL 35221
 (205) 929-6309

Selective Service Registration (Applies to males between the ages of 18 and 26)

Note that all males between the ages of 18 and 26 must show proof of registration with the U.S. Selective Service System in accordance with section 36-26-15-1 of the Code of Alabama of 1974 (as amended). Students may register for selective service online at:

<https://www.sss.gov>

Bessemer Campus

1100 9th Avenue, SW
Bessemer, Alabama 35022
(205) 929-3414
FAX: (205) 424-5119
Student Services Center, Building



Birmingham Campus

3060 Wilson Road, SW
Birmingham, Alabama 35221
(205) 929-6309
FAX: (205) 925-3716
Administration Building A, Room 208

Financial Aid Code: 001059

E-mail questions to: admissions@lawsonstate.edu

Web Address: www.lawsonstate.edu

Application for Admission Instructions

First-time College Student: A student who has never attended a college or university. An applicant must have an official copy of the high school transcript or GED score report mailed to the Office of Admissions. The high school transcript must include the date of graduation, exit scores, and must be on file prior to admission or during the first term of enrollment. (International students should see the section below). If the applicant attended a non-regionally accredited high school or possesses the Alabama Occupational Diploma (AOD), the applicant must also have a minimum ACT composite score of 16, or an SAT score of 790 on the Critical Reading and Math sections, or successfully pass the GED for admission into degree programs. (See ID statement below) If an applicant does not possess a high school diploma or GED, the applicant may be admitted to certain certificate programs provided successful completion of the ability to benefit (ATB) assessment through appropriate testing. An applicant in this category should contact the Division of Student Services at 205-929-6385 to arrange an assessment. Students demonstrating "Ability to Benefit" may enter programs and courses not leading to an associate degree. A list of such programs is available in the catalog, on the Admissions page of the College's website: www.lawsonstate.edu, and elsewhere on this form. Students who graduated from foreign high schools must submit externally evaluated documents certifying the possession of certificates/diplomas equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma. The following credentialing services may be used: World Education Services, Inc. www.wes.org or Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. www.ece.org. Evaluations should be forwarded to LSCC directly from one of these providers.

Transfer Student: A student who has attended another college or university. An applicant should submit official transcripts from high school and all colleges attended. If a baccalaureate degree has been earned, only the transcript from the institution granting the degree is required. However, transcripts from all institution(s) granting credit are required if an applicant wishes to have transfer credits applied towards a LSCC degree or certificate. Further, transfer students who attended a Commission on Colleges, regionally accredited institution need only supply their college transcript(s). Students who earned credits at foreign colleges or universities may submit an evaluated document for consideration of credit. (See #6 under the International Students category below.) (See ID statement below.)

Transient Student: A student who is attending / seeking a degree from another institution but wishes to attend LSCC for one term.. An applicant should submit an official letter of good standing or transient student form from the degree-granting/home institution. This letter must list the term the applicant wishes to enroll at LSCC. If the applicant wants to enroll in mathematics courses, proof of having met prerequisites must be provided. Contact the Office of Admissions in advance with questions about mathematics course requirements. F1 Visa holders—for transient status **must** present a copy of the Visa in advance (before enrollment), as well as, a letter and transient clearance form from the institution recommending and approving specific courses before registration. A new transient letter/form must be presented for each subsequent term. (See ID statement below.)

Re-admitted / Returning Student: A student who previously attended LSCC but has not attended for a period of time or during the previous fall or spring semester. An applicant should submit an updated "Application for Admission" regardless of whether or not another college/university has been attended since last enrolled at LSCC. In addition, the applicant must submit the official transcript(s) from institutions attended since last enrolled in LSCC. Previously enrolled students who miss a fall or spring semester and wish to re-enter must re-apply for admission. (See ID statement below.)

International Student: A foreign student who wishes to attend LSCC while in the United States. International students may attend the Birmingham campus only. Present a minimum score of 5.5-6 on IELTS (International English Language Testing System) as determined by the college, or a total score of 61 on the Internet-based TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), a total of 173 on the computer-based TOEFL, or a total score of 500 on the paper-based TOEFL. NOTE: The foreign language test requirement may be waived for students from the following countries: Australia, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada (language will be verified from transcript), England, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, Scotland, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Grenada, Belize, Dominica, Malawi, St. Lucia, St. Kitts, Nevis, Nigeria, Tanzania, the Gambia, Tobago, Trinidad, Zambia and Virgin Islands. All other waivers must be submitted to the Chancellor for approval and substantial documentation. 2) Satisfy the requirements for the Immigration and Naturalization Service and complete forms necessary for attendance at Lawson State Community College. 3) Present a VISA recognized and accepted 4) Documentation demonstrating adequate health and life insurance which must be maintained

during enrollment equivalent to \$50,000 in U.S. currency per injury or illness, including repatriation benefit. Premiums must be paid in the Business Affairs Office at registration. 5) Provide a notarized medical report from a physician attesting to good health. Contact the Office of Admissions or <http://uscis.gov> for most recent U.S. government regulations. 6) International students who earned credits at foreign colleges or universities may submit official, evaluated documents for consideration of credit. The following credentialing services may be used: World Education Services, Inc. www.wes.org or Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. www.ece.org. Evaluations should be forwarded to LSCC directly from one of these providers. Those without prior college credit must have high school documents evaluated / translated as well. 7) Completed transfer / transient clearance form. International students must pay the out-of-state, non-resident tuition rate.

Accelerated High School Student: A high school student enrolled at LSCC to earn college credit. The applicant must complete an "Application for Admission" and the "Accelerated/Dual Enrollment High School Student" form. Applicants may take such college courses during junior and senior years in high school. Upon graduation from high school, a student may enroll at LSCC or transfer college credits earned to another college or university. Please note that course content, instructional strategy and academic rigor of all classes are based on the college level. Student eligibility is determined by each individual school system and may be more limited than the minimum requirements listed below:

- The applicant must have successfully completed the 10th grade. (See ID statement below.)
- The applicant must have completed any required high school prerequisites (for example, a student may not take English Composition until all required high school English courses have been completed). The applicant must also take the COMPASS assessment or have an appropriate ACT or SAT score. Registration is limited to 3 semester hours in the fall and spring terms and 6 semester hours in summer term.
- The local principal or his / her designee must sign the form on the reverse side of the "Application for Admission" certifying the applicant has a minimum cumulative (B) 3.0 grade point average and recommends the applicant be admitted to this program. A new form and updated official high school transcript **must** be submitted each semester the applicant participates in the program at the college.
- LSCC will not officially award college credit to accelerated high school students until proof of high school graduation (an official transcript with a graduation date) is provided.
- The completed application for admission and all documents required for admission, including appropriate ID, must be on file before the desired entry term begins.

Dual Enrollment High School Student: A student who is attending high school and wishes to attend LSCC for college and / or high school credit. An applicant must complete an Application for Admission and the Accelerated/Dual Enrollment High School Student form. Participants may receive both high school credit and college credit. The program is restricted to qualified students in Alabama public and/or regionally accredited high schools for which superintendents have signed agreements with LSCC. Student eligibility is determined by each individual school system and may be more limited than the minimum requirements listed below:

- The applicant must have a "B" average in completed high school courses.
- Registration is limited to three semester hours in the fall and spring terms and six semester hours in summer term
- The appropriate principal **and** local superintendent must sign the form on the reverse side of the "Application for Admission" certifying that the applicant has a cumulative "B" average and recommends the applicant be admitted to this program. A new form and an updated official high school transcript **must** be submitted each semester the student attends the College.
- The applicant must be in grade 10, 11, or 12. (See ID statement below.)
- Students must complete a six-hour sequence of courses to receive one unit of high school credit. (Three semester hours equal one-half high school unit of credit.)
- A completed application for admission, all documents required for admission, including appropriate ID, must be on file before the applicant's desired entry term begins.

ID Policy: State Board of Education Policy 801.01, Admissions General, requires that all applicants to colleges in the Alabama Community College System, including dual enrolled or accelerated high school students, provide one primary or two secondary forms of identification BEFORE they may be admitted. For more information, visit: www.lawsonstate.edu and click Admissions



Certification Form - In-State and Out-of-State Residency (Required)

Applicant's Name _____ SSN _____

Current Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Please read the following statements and check the one statement that applies to you and sign at the bottom of the page.

- I (or my non-estranged spouse) have lived in the State of Alabama for at least the last 12 months. I certify that the address above is my residence and I intend to remain at this address indefinitely.
- I am a minor, and my parents/legal guardian(s) has lived in the State of Alabama for at least 12 months.
- I do not currently live in the State of Alabama and I am considered an out-of state student. I certify that I do not meet any requirements to be classified as an in-state student. An out-of state student cannot attain resident student status simply by attending school for 12 months in the State of Alabama.
- *I have currently lived in the State of Alabama for less than 12 months. However, I certify that I possess more substantial connections with the State of Alabama than any other state at the time of this application. I further certify that the address above is my resident and I intend to remain at this address indefinitely. If you marked this box, what is your previous state of residence?

In-State Residency

If you cannot check one of the first two boxes denoted above but intend on petitioning for in-state residency, you are required to complete a Lawson State Community College Certification of Eligibility for In-State Residency form and provide sufficient documentation to the Director of Admissions. The Director of Admissions must certify all documentation before the in-state tuition rate is official. The secondary form is required and it lists the types of documentation you may provide to potentially establish in-state residency. Please contact the Office of Admissions for more information (205-929-3414 or 205-929-6309). To petition residency status, applicants may download a Lawson State Community College Certification of Eligibility for In-State Residency form from the Admissions link on our website at: www.lawsonstate.edu. Documentation and the form may be mailed or personally delivered to either Admissions Office location.

To be deemed eligible for in-state tuition, an applicant must (1) be a United States citizen or be a non-citizen who has been granted permanent residency status by the United States government; and (2) the applicant must be either (A) a duly registered resident in the State of Alabama for at least 12 months immediately preceding application for admission, or (B) have a non-estranged spouse who has resided and had habitation, home and permanent abode in the State of Alabama for at least 12 months immediately preceding application for admission, or (C) in the case of a minor dependent seeking admission, have parents, parent, or legal guardian who have/has resided in the State of Alabama at least 12 months immediately preceding application for admission. If a student's parents are divorced, the residency of the parent to whom the court has granted custody will determine residence or a single individual under 19 years of age and a married individual under 18 years of age, but excludes an individual whose disabilities of non-age have been removed by a court of competent jurisdiction for a reason other than establishing a legal resident in Alabama. Supporting person means either or both parents of the student, if the parents are living together, or if the parents are divorced or living separately, then either the parent who has legal custody or, if different, the parent providing the greater amount of financial support. If both parents are deceased, or if neither has legal custody, supporting person shall mean, in the following order: the legal custodian of the student, the guardian, and the conservator.

I certify that I have read the statements next to the check boxes above and I have selected the one statement for which I meet the qualifications.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Lawson State Community College Application for Admission

CAMPUS:

Bessemer

Birmingham

Correctional

Other

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Your social security number will be cross referenced with your official student number. Please **BE SURE** that you write the number **EXACTLY** as it appears on your social security card. To ensure accuracy we may require a photocopy of your social security card.

YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

MAIDEN

Please list all other names under which your records may be listed:

YOUR HOME ADDRESS

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____ State of Legal Residence _____

(If not Alabama, see paragraph at the bottom of "Certification Form In-State and Out-of-State Residency" form on the previous page).

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBERS & E-MAIL ADDRESS

Home: () _____

Work: () _____

Cell: () _____

E-mail: _____

PERSON TO CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY & HIS / HER TELEPHONE NUMBER

YOUR DATE OF BIRTH

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

YOUR EMPLOYERS NAME AND ADDRESS

City _____ State _____

ENTRY STATUS

- First time freshman-HS (List High school information below)
- First time freshman-GED (List GED information below)
- *First time freshman-Not HS Graduate (List high school and highest grade level below)
- Transfer Student (List college(s) below)
- Transient Student
- Re-admit. (list all other colleges you attended below)
 - Former LSCC student (Dates: _____)
 - Former BSTC student (Dates: _____)
- ²Accelerated High School Student
- ²Dual Enrollment High School Student
- International Student

¹ - Those without high school diploma or GED must take "Ability-to-Benefit" test. Contact the Division of Student Services at 929-6385.

² - Must complete the "Accelerated/Dual Enrollment High Student" page on the back of the application.

SEMESTER OF ENROLLMENT / ENTRY

- Fall (August- December)
- Spring (January-May)
- Summer (May-August)
- Fall mini term
- Spring mini term
- Summer mini term

YEAR: _____

CITIZENSHIP

- U.S. Citizen
- Permanent Resident (official, valid card required)
- Exchange Student
- Foreign (Visa Type _____)
indicate country of citizenship if other than U.S.: _____

FEDERAL / STATE REQUIREMENTS

The following information is used for federal/state reporting requirements. The information provided below will not affect the admission decision. Please check those items that apply.

ETHNICITY / GENDER RESPONSES ARE OPTIONAL

ETHNICITY

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Black or African American
- White
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian / other Pacific Islander
- Hispanic or Latino
- Other: _____

GENDER

- Male Female

PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFO. BELOW FOR EACH COLLEGE YOU ATTENDED:

College / University Name / Location Date(s) Attended Degree Earned?

_____ Y N

_____ Y N

_____ Y N

_____ Y N

Are you on suspension from any college/university you previously attended?

Y N

If yes, explain on a separate page and attached. *Note: Any applicant who is currently on suspension from another institution must submit a written appeal for admission to the Director of Admissions.

HIGH SCHOOL NAME

City _____ State _____

Are you currently in HS? Yes No

Year of HS Graduation _____

AWARD TYPE

- Advanced Standard Credit Based
- Occupational Certificate of Completion

For Alabama graduates, did you pass the HS Graduation Exam? Yes No

WHAT IS YOUR INTENDED PROGRAM OF STUDY? Example: Nursing, Barbering, etc.
(Required-see list for available choices.)

DEGREE SEEKING OPTION

- AA/AS earn a degree and transfer to another college or university
- AAS/AOT earn a degree in career/occupational program
- CER earn a certificate in a career/occupational program
- STC earn a short certificate in a career / occupational program
- NCA no collegiate award (degree or certificate) sought

GED INFORMATION (IF YOU RECEIVED A GED)

Testing Center: _____

City _____ State _____

Year Received: _____

Highest Grade Achieved _____

I certify that I comply with the provisions of the United States Military Selective Service ACT (50U.S. App. 453) by having registered with the Selective Service Board, or that I am not yet 18 years of age and I will register when required by the law to register, or that I am not required to register (Required by State of Alabama Legislative Act 91-584). I further agree to assume responsibility for payment of tuition and fees, where applicable, as adopted by the Alabama State Board of Education. I hereby attest that the information given above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submission of false or misrepresented information or the withholding of information requested in this application subjects me to refusal of enrollment, to dismissal, or to suspension as a student at Lawson State Community College. I do hereby release and absolve Lawson State Community College and its instructors or agents of any liability that might occur as a result of accidental injury during my tenure as a student. It is the policy of the Alabama State Board of Education and Lawson State Community College, a postsecondary institution under its control, that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

(You must sign this form.)

Lawson State Community College Accelerated / Dual Enrollment High School Student Form
(For Dual Enrollment / Accelerated High School Students)

This form is to be used by high school students in area school systems who are applying for Accelerated High School/Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit programs at Lawson State Community College (LSCC). The student must also complete the Application for Admission form on the reverse page.

Eligible students are permitted to enroll in college courses conducted during school hours, after school hours and during summer terms. Courses offered shall be drawn from Lawson State's existing academic inventory or courses for credit. Courses numbered below the 100-level are not eligible under these programs and are not enrollment options. Lawson State reserves the right to cancel course offerings when courses do not meet minimum enrollment requirements.

Principal's and / or Superintendent's Endorsement

The student named below applied for admission to the Accelerated High School or Dual Enrollment / Dual Credit Programs at Lawson State Community College. We therefore ask for careful ratings of and comments about his/her character and ability. Feel free to confer with a school official who knows him/her well. The information will be treated confidentially.

Please attach the applicant's an official high school transcript to this form. Also, include results from any standardized tests that are available (i.e. ACT, SAT, etc.)

Intellectual Ability and Achievement: How would you rate the candidate as to academic ability and motivation?

Ability:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Below Average	<input type="checkbox"/>	Average
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Above Average	<input type="checkbox"/>	Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	Excellent
Motivation:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Below Average	<input type="checkbox"/>	Average
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Above Average	<input type="checkbox"/>	Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	Excellent

I hereby recommend and request dual enrollment / dual credit for _____,

a student enrolled at _____ High School, who is currently classified as a high school

sophomore junior senior, and meets all Accelerated/Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit High School eligibility requirements

as defined by the Alabama State Board of Education, the _____ School Board.

 Print / Type Principal's Name Date

 Principal's Signature Date

 Print / Type Superintendent's Name Date

 Superintendent's Signature Date

Parent / Guardian / Applicant Acknowledgement and Consent

According to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), all rights of access to students' educational records transfer from the parents/guardians to the students when the students become 18 years of age OR are enrolled in an institution of post-secondary education. In order to comply with the requirements of FERPA, Lawson State Community College shall obtain written consent from students before disclosing any personally identifiable, non-directory, information from their education records.

As a participant in the dual enrollment/dual credit program, I understand that it is the responsibility of Lawson State Community College to release grades to my high school and/or local school board. My signature below authorizes the College to release this information at the close of each term of enrollment to the previously mentioned parties upon request. My signature and that of my parent/guardian, further verifies my understanding of these policies and practices as written.

Unless otherwise noted by the College or your school system, tuition / fees are payable by you upon registration for dual enrollment / accelerated high school program courses.

 Parent / Guardian's Signature Date

 Applicant's Signature Date

Programs of Study / Areas of Concentration at Lawson State Community College

Please select a program of study and write it on the application for admission in the **MAJOR / PROGRAM OF STUDY** box. Also, indicate your desired award / degree option by checking **AA / AS, AAS / AOT, CER, STC, or NCA** in the **DEGREE SEEKING OPTION** box.

Associate of Arts degree (AA)

programs are designed for students wishing to earn a two year degree in the liberal arts. These programs are structured for effective transfer to a four year college or university.

Associate in Science degree (AS)

programs are suited for students who want to enter the work force with two year degrees and those who plan to pursue a specialized field of study at a four year institution.

AA / AS General Studies – (Partial listings for areas of concentration) - See additional listings in the current catalog.

Adult Education
Advertising
Applied Mathematics
Architecture
Art (Areas)
Athletic Training
Behavioral Science
Biology
Business
Business Education
Chemistry
Clinical Lab Sciences
Communication Studies
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
Criminology
Pre-Dentistry
Economics
Education (various disciplines)
Engineering (various disciplines)
English
Health & Physical Education
Health (related fields)
History
Hotel and Restaurant Management
Human Development
Journalism
Lab Technician
Pre-Law
Math
Pre-Medicine
Music
Pre-Nursing
Nutrition and Food Service
Pre-Occupational Therapy
Pre-Optometry
Pre-Osteopathic Medicine
Physical Education
Physics
Political Science
Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physical Therapy
Psychology
Public Administration
Public Relations
Public Safety
Radiologic Sciences
Rehabilitation Services

Respiratory Therapy
Social Science
Social Work
Sociology
Spanish Education
Special Education
Sport and Fitness
Surgical Physician Assistant
Pre-Veterinary

Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS)

programs are earned through two year programs that prepare students for immediate employment in one of several career fields.

Accounting Technology
Automotive Service Technology - Ford
Automotive Service Technology - GM
Automotive Service Technology -Toyota
Building Construction
Business Administration and Management
Child Development (Early Childhood Education)
Computer Science (Business Education)
Computer Science (Math)
Criminal Justice
Drafting and Design Technology
Electronics – Industrial
LPN to RN Mobility Program
Office Administration (General, Legal, Medical)
Registered Nursing
Social Work Technology

Associate of Occupational Technologies degree (AOT)

Air Conditioning / Refrigeration
Automotive Mechanics
Commercial Art and Illustration
Dental Assisting
Graphics and Prepress Communications
Medium / Heavy Truck Technician
Welding

Certificate Programs (CER)

Accounting Technology
Air Conditioning Refrigeration
Automotive Technician
Barbering Technology
Computer Science
Computer Science (Business Administration)
Commercial Art and Illustration
Cosmetology Technology
Criminal Justice
Dental Assisting
Drafting and Design Technology
Electronics- Industrial
Fashion Merchandising
Graphics and Printing
Interior Design
Licensed Practical Nursing
Medium / Heavy Truck Technician
Office Administration (General, Legal & Medical)
Radio / TV Production
Welding

Short Certificate Programs (STC)

Accounting Technology
Air Conditioning Refrigeration
Auto Body Repair*

Automotive Technician*
Barbering Technology*
Building Construction
Cabinet Making*
Carpentry Technology*
Computer Science
Commercial Art and Illustration
Commercial Food Service / Catering*
Cosmetology Technology*
Drafting and Design
Electrical Technology
Electrical / Electronic Engineering
EMS / EMT (courses)
Fire Science
Geographic Information Systems
Graphics and Printing
Home Health Aide (courses)*
Industrial Maintenance
Interior Design
Machine Tool Technology
Management and Supervision
Medium Heavy Truck Technician*
Microelectronics
Nail Care
Nurse Assistant (courses)*
Office Administration (General, Legal, Medical)
Plumbing*
Radio / TV Production
Real Estate
Welding*

*Denotes "Ability to Benefit" eligible programs.

Industry Certificates

Certified Novell Engineer
CISCO-Certified Network Associate
Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator
Microsoft Certified Solutions Developer
Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer
Microsoft Office User Specialist
Microsoft Certified Professional
Oracle DBA and Database Developer

Attention Prospective Health Professions Students!

In addition to being unconditionally admitted to the College through the Admissions Office, applicants to programs such as ADN (RN), LPN, and Dental Assisting must also complete / submit departmental program applications. Further, some of these programs have specific admissions criteria students must meet in order to qualify for program entry. If you plan to pursue one of these programs, please contact the Health Professions Department for further information or visit www.lawsonstate.edu and click Health Professions.

Lawson State
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Birmingham, AL 35221
Phone: 205-929-6309
Fax: 205-925-3716

Bessemer Campus
1100 9th Avenue, S.W.
Bessemer, AL 35022
Phone: 205-929-3414
Fax: 205-424-5119

Important Information for Entering Students

The Compass Placement Assessment

Entering students must complete the Compass placement assessment prior to registration unless exempt by State of Alabama Board of Education policy. The Compass placement assessment administration schedule, the list of exemptions, and other preparatory information may be found on the website within the Prospective Student section or the Admissions section. Assessments are administered multiple times weekly on both campuses. For more information, visit www.lawsonstate.edu or call 205-929-6309 (Birmingham) or 205-929-3414 (Bessemer).

Admission / Enrollment Options for Non-High School Graduates

Students not having been awarded *The Alabama High School Diploma* or its equivalent or the *GED* may be admitted under the "Ability to Benefit" provision after successfully passing the designated ability to benefit assessment. Students receiving the *Certificate of Completion* must participate in the ability to benefit assessment. Students awarded *The Alabama Occupational Diploma* are not required to take the ability to benefit assessment but are limited as to their programs / award options (listed below) unless they possess valid composite ACT scores of 16 or higher. Students admitted under the "Ability to Benefit" provision may enroll only in courses not creditable toward an associate degree and may enter one of the following programs at the short certificate award level: Automotive Body Repair, Automotive Mechanics, Barbering, Cabinetmaking, Carpentry, Commercial Foods Service, Commercial Sewing, Cosmetology, Home Health Aide, Medium / Heavy Truck Technician, Nurse Assistant, Plumbing, Sewing in Soft Interior Furnishings, Sewing in Tailoring and Alterations, and Welding. Students may proceed beyond the short certificate award if the *GED* or *The Alabama High School Diploma* or its equivalent is acquired. Federally funded financial aid is available for the programs listed above presuming students are eligible. To learn more about ability to benefit assessments, visit our website. Assessments are scheduled prior to each entry term. Assessment times / dates / locations are published on our website. Lawson State Community College also provides a variety of Adult Education Services. The Adult Education Program has among its priorities putting people to work, helping people obtain the *GED*, helping them enter postsecondary education / training, and seeking to improve literacy skills. For more information, call 205-929-6476 or visit www.lawsonstate.edu

Admissions Office Locations / Points of Entry into the College

The Office of Admissions is located in the Student Services Center, Building A on the Bessemer Campus. The Office of Admissions and The Records Office use a combined office location on the second floor of the Administration Building A on the Birmingham Campus. Students enter or re-enter Lawson State Community College prior to fall, spring or summer semesters. The College also provides shorter terms, called mini terms, within the regular fall, spring, and summer semesters. Mini term classes meet more minutes per class but fewer weeks than classes within regular, full semesters.

Student Financial Services / Scholarship Information

Numerous financial aid options are available to our students, including grants, scholarships, and work study programs. Detailed information is available through one of the Office of Student Financial Services locations. The Bessemer campus office is located in Building A within the Student Services Suite. The Birmingham campus office is located on the first floor of the Administration building (West campus). Applicants for federal financial aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Lawson State Community College financial aid code is 001059. Note the telephone numbers listed in the scholarship section above. Lawson State Community College offers a limited number of academic scholarships to first time freshman students, currently enrolled students, and transfer students. Transient students are ineligible for scholarships. For more information and to learn the eligibility criteria, please visit www.lawsonstate.edu or contact the Office of Student Financial Services by calling 205-929-6380 (Birmingham) or 205-929-3423 (Bessemer).

Academic Advising / Counseling Services

Academic advising is provided by counselors prior to pre-registration or registration for entering students first semester. Thereafter, advising is provided by instructors within students' programs of study. Students' acceptance letters provide information about pre-registration and / or registration for their first semester. Class schedules are available on the website at www.lawsonstate.edu or may be acquired in person or by U.S. mail through the Office of Admissions. Students may obtain degree plans by logging into the Student Global Suite (via the website). Students' academic advisors are listed on their degree plans.

Transfer Credit Earned at Previous Colleges / Universities

General principles regarding transfer credit are denoted within the college catalog. Transfer credit is evaluated and posted to the student information system, to the extent possible, prior to a student's first semester presuming transcript availability, on a first come, first-served basis. Some credits may be ineligible for immediate transfer due to accreditation issues at external institutions or due to incompatible course content. Please contact the Office of Admissions if you have questions about potential transfer credit. Potential transfer credit deemed equivalent to LSCC courses may be applied to our curricula once official transcripts have been received from each previously attended college or university.

Residential Living at Lawson State Community College

Those interested in living within our residence hall located on the Birmingham campus may review our residence hall video at www.lawsonstate.edu. Specific information may be obtained by sending requests to residencehall@lawsonstate.edu or call 205-929-6493. Residence hall applications and additional information are available online at www.lawsonstate.edu