

Brief History

Lawson State Community College is one of Alabama's oldest state supported community colleges, having opened its doors in 1949. The technical division was first established as a result of the Wallace-Patterson Trade School Act of 1947. This act established Wenonah State Technical Institute in 1949. The academic division was created in 1965. On October 1, 1973, Wenonah State and Lawson State merged and became one institution known as the Lawson-Wenonah State Junior College and Technical Institute. Shortly thereafter, the name was changed to its present name, Lawson State Community College. On January 27, 2005, the Alabama State Board of Education adopted the Statement of Intent to Merge T. A. Lawson State Community College and Bessemer State Technical College, to form one institution, T. A. Lawson State Community College, in accordance with its policy 102.7 Consolidation or Merger of Postsecondary Institutions. Final approval for the merger was given by the Alabama State Board of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on June 23, 2005.

Mission

Lawson State Community College is a comprehensive, public, two-year, multi-campus college, which seeks to provide accessible quality educational opportunities, promote economic growth and enhance the quality of life for people in its service area. The College is dedicated to providing affordable and accessible lifelong learning opportunities in order to prepare students for employment or career advancement, enable students to transfer to senior colleges and universities, and provide customized training needs for business and industry.

Geographic Service Area

The service area for Lawson State Community College encompasses the Jefferson County, Birmingham, Alabama area.

Description of Student Population

Lawson State Community College serves a population of students that are predominately African American and first generation college students. Enrollment for fall 2007 is 3609. Approximately 53% of students are enrolled full-time. Approximately 79% receive financial aid and 56% of students are at the poverty level. Approximately 41% of the total enrollment is comprised on nontraditional aged students.

Other Characteristics

Lawson State Community College is an open admissions institution offering programs at the two year or less level. The college considers Jefferson State Community College, Beville State Community College and Wallace State Community College Hanceville as its peers.

Locations and Distance Education

The College operates traditional classroom instruction sites where degrees and/or certificates can be obtained at the following locations:

- Birmingham Campus(east and west) 3060 Wilson Road, Birmingham, AL 35221
AAS, AA, AS, AOT 50% of credit can be obtained in each degree and certificate area as listed on the previous pages.
See previous list of certificate offerings.
- Bessemer Campus 1100 9th Avenue, SW Bessemer, AL 35022
AAS, AA, AS, AOT 50% of credit can be obtained in each degree and certificate area as listed on the previous pages.
See previous list of certificate offerings.
- Donaldson Correctional Facility 100 Warrior Lane Bessemer, AL 35023-7299
Only certificates can be received at this location.
See previous list of certificate offerings.

Although on-line courses are offered in biology, business, computer information systems, criminal justice, English, graphics and prepress, office administration, psychology, and sociology, **no** degree or certificate can be obtained primarily through electronic means.

Accreditation (no sanctions)

- Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, June 2005
- Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs, March 2007
- National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, November 2007 (ADN) and (PN)
- Alabama Board of Nursing (ADN) – Nursing Continuing Education Classes, July 2008
- American Dental Association, July 2008
- Council on Occupational Education
- National HVAC Excellence, June 2008
- American Welding Society, October 2007
- National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, Inc., September 2007
- Continuing Automotive Service Education (CASE), January 2009
- Jefferson County Barber's Commission, January 2007
- Alabama State Board of Cosmetology, January 2007

Relationship to the U.S. Department of Education

The college has no limitations, suspensions, or terminations imposed on it by the U.S. Department of Education in regard to student financial aid or other financial aid programs. The college is not on reimbursement or any other exceptional status in regard to federal or state financial aid.

List of Degrees and Certificates

AAS (Associate in Applied Science)

1. Accounting Technology
2. Automotive Technology
3. Building Construction
4. Business
5. Child Development
6. Computer Science
7. Criminal Justice
8. Data Processing
9. Drafting and Design Technology
10. Horticulture
11. Industrial Electronics Technology
12. Nursing
13. Office Administration
14. Social Work Technician

AA (Associate in Arts)

1. Transfer

AS (Associate in Science)

1. Transfer

AOT (Associate in Occupational Technologies)

1. Occupational Technologies

Certificates (full certificates up to 54 hours)

1. Accounting Technology
2. Air Cond/Refrigeration Technology
3. Auto Mechanics
4. Barbering
5. Commercial Art
6. Computer Science
7. Cosmetology
8. Dental Assisting
9. Diesel Mech/Medium & Heavy Trucks
10. Drafting and Design Technology
11. Graphics and Printing
12. Industrial Electronics Technology
13. Office Administration
14. Practical Nursing
15. Welding

Certificates (full certificates up to 54 hours)

16. Accounting Technology
17. Air Cond/Refrigeration Technology
18. Automotive Body Repair
19. Auto Mechanics
20. Barbering
21. Commercial Art
22. Computer Science
23. Cosmetology
24. Dental Assisting
25. Diesel Mech/Medium & Heavy Trucks
26. Drafting and Design Technology
27. Graphics and Printing
28. Industrial Electronics Technology
29. Office Administration
30. Practical Nursing
31. Welding

Short term certificates (29 hours or less)

1. Accounting
2. Auto Mechanics
3. Automotive Body Repair
4. Advanced Hair Salon Management
5. Air Cond/Refrigeration Technology
6. Banking and Finance
7. Building Construction
8. Cabinet and Furniture Restoration
9. Carpentry
10. Child Development
11. Clerical Technology
12. Commercial Art
13. Culinary Arts
14. Commercial Sewing
15. Consumer Electronics
16. Computer Science
17. Computer and Information Sciences
18. Criminal Justice
19. Data Processing
20. Diesel Mech/Medium & Heavy Trucks
21. Drafting and Design Technology
22. Electrical Engineering Technology
23. Electrical Technology
24. Emergency Medical Services I
25. Fashion Merchandising
26. Fire Science

27. Geographic Information System
28. Graphics and Printing
29. Home Health Aide
30. Horticulture
31. Industrial Electronics Technology
32. Industrial Maintenance Technology
33. Insurance Marketing
34. Interior Design
35. Machine Tool Technology
36. Management and Supervision
37. Masonry
38. Microelectronics Consortium – Advanced Certification
39. Nailology
40. Nursing Assistant/Geriatric Aide
41. Office Administration
42. Plumbing and Pipefitter
43. Radio and TV Broadcasting
44. Real Estate
45. Welding