



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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admissions@lawsonstate.edu)

Web Address: [www.lawsonstate.edu](http://www.lawsonstate.edu)

## Instructions for Admission Application

**First-time College Student:** A student who has never attended a college or university. Have an official copy of your high school transcript or GED certificate/scores 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 you attended a non-regionally accredited high school or possess the Alabama Occupational Diploma (AOD), you 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 you do not possess a high school diploma or GED you may be admitted to certain certificate programs provided you demonstrate the ability to benefit (ATB) through appropriate testing. Applicants 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](http://www.lawsonstate.edu), and on this form. Students who graduated from a foreign high school must submit an evaluated document certifying that you possess a certificate/diploma equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma. The following credentialing services may be used: World Education Services, Inc. [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org) or Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. [www.ece.org](http://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. Submit official transcripts from 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 you wish 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. Submit an official letter of good standing or transient student form from the degree-seeking/home institution. This letter must list the term for which you wish to enroll at LSCC. If you wish to enroll in mathematics courses, you must provide proof of having met prerequisites. Contact the Office of Admissions in advance should you have 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 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 updated "Application for Admission" is required whether or not you attended another college/university. Submit the transcript(s) from institutions attended since last attending LSCC. Previously enrolled students who miss a fall or spring semester must re-apply for admission. (See *ID statement inside*.)

**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 by the United States Government / presents an F1 Visa if transferring from another institution. 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](http://www.wes.org) or Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. [www.ece.org](http://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. *You must complete an "Application for Admission" and the "Accelerated/Dual Enrollment High School Student" form.* You may take courses which fulfill college requirements during your junior and senior years in high school. Upon graduation from high school, you 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:

- You must have successfully completed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. (See *ID statement below*.)
- You 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). You must also take the COMPASS assessment or have an appropriate ACT or SAT score. Registration is limited to three semester hours in the fall and spring terms and six 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 that you have a minimum cumulative (B) 3.0 grade point average and recommends that you be admitted to this program. A new form and updated official high school transcript **must** be submitted each semester you attend 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.
- A completed application for admission, all documents required for admission, including appropriate ID, must be on file before your 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. *You must complete an Application for Admission and the Accelerated/Dual Enrollment High School Student form.* You 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:

- You must have a "B" average in completed high school courses.
- Those enrolling in career/technical courses must have a cumulative 2.5 G.P.A. with a 3.0 G.P.A. in career/technical courses taken at the high school. 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 you have a cumulative "B" average and recommend that you be admitted to this program. A new form and an updated official high school transcript **must** be submitted each semester that you attend the college.
- You 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 your 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](http://www.lawsonstate.edu) and click Admissions*



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

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 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 (205-929-3418 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](http://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 having 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: \_\_\_\_\_)
- \*Accelerated High School Student
- \*Dual 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

PRIOR COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

College Name / Location	Date(s) Attended	Degree Earned?
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> 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 (50 U.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 this plan. 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 is applying for admission to the Accelerated High School/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 an official high school transcript of the applicant's grades 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?

<b>Ability:</b>	<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
<b>Motivation:</b>	<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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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](http://www.lawsonstate.edu) and click *Health Professions*.

**Lawson State**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## Important Information for Entering Students

### 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 a *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). 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. \*(These programs are at the certificate level.)

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.

### Adult Education Services for Non-High School Graduates

Lawson State Community College 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 our website at [www.lawsonstate.edu](http://www.lawsonstate.edu)

### Admissions Office Locations / Points of Entry

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.

### Scholarship Information

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 the website at [www.lawsonstate.edu/studentinfo/index.html](http://www.lawsonstate.edu/studentinfo/index.html) 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](http://www.lawsonstate.edu) or may be acquired in person or by U.S. mail through the Office of Admissions.

### Student Financial Services / Financial Aid

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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The Lawson State Community College financial aid code is 001059. Note the telephone numbers listed in the scholarship section.

### 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. 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 college or university you previously attended.

### Residential Living at Lawson State Community College

If you are interested in residential living in our residence hall (located on the Birmingham campus), review our residence hall video at [www.lawsonstate.edu](http://www.lawsonstate.edu). Specific information may be obtained by sending requests to [residencehall@lawsonstate.edu](mailto:residencehall@lawsonstate.edu) or you may call 205-929-6493.