Dr. Ed and Rhonda Mark (pictured with Wiregrass Allied Health students) donated a gift of over $250,000 to Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Foundation South and very generously pledged $1,000,000 to the Health Sciences programs — the largest single donation and pledge in the history of the Foundation.
Message from the Dean

I am pleased you found our College and hope you plan to explore the possibility of a career in health care. Health professions are among the fastest growing occupations, and Wiregrass offers several degree, diploma, and technical certificate health profession programs. I am positive you will find the right program for you.

Please contact our office to make an appointment to meet with one of our allied health advisors and let’s talk about your future in a health profession. Some programs require a competitive admission process, while others have minimum requirements that must be met prior to entrance into the program. Our allied health advisors and program coordinators will help guide you through this process. In addition, this information can be found on the program web pages.

We have highly qualified and experienced allied health faculty who are active in our service area. This continuing partnership allows Wiregrass to offer the most current information for students and to provide quality, hands-on training at medical facilities in the area.

I am proud of our students, our faculty and staff, and the contributions they make to the vitality of our service area. I wish you the best of luck in your academic endeavors!

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NOTE:
The following programs follow a competitive admissions process:

Practical Nursing • Radiologic Technology
Registered Nursing • Surgical Technology
Dental Assisting • Dental Hygiene
(in cooperation with VSU)

See pages 17-18

Criminal background checks, drug screens, and immunizations may be required based on the requirements for participation in clinical experiences.
MEDICAL ASSISTING DEGREE (CFE, VLD)

The Medical Assisting degree program prepares students for employment in a variety of positions in today’s medical offices. The Medical Assisting program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Additionally, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in the area of medical assisting. Graduates of the program receive a Medical Assisting degree.

Michelle Rose Clark

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For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program and other important information, please visit our website at http://www.wiregrass.edu/GE/MA22/Gedt.html
NURSING DEGREE (VLD)

The Practical Nursing diploma program is designed to prepare students to write the NCLEX-PN for licensure as practical nurses. The program prepares graduates to give competent nursing care. This is done through a selected number of academic and occupational courses providing a variety of techniques and materials necessary to assist the student in acquiring the needed knowledge and skills to give competent care. A variety of clinical experiences is planned so that theory and practice are integrated under the guidance of the clinical instructor. Program graduates receive a practical nursing diploma and have the qualifications of an entry-level practical nurse.

Note: This program qualifies for the Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant (SIWDG).

PRACTICAL NURSING DIPLOMA (BHI, CFE, VLD)

The two-year associate level nursing program is a sequence of courses designed to prepare students for positions in the nursing profession. The curriculum is designed to produce highly trained, technically advanced, competent and caring individuals who are prepared to practice professional nursing in a variety of healthcare settings. The purpose of the program is to provide the learner with the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes to practice competently and safely as a beginning nurse generalist, in a variety of acute and long-term care settings. The nurse is viewed as a caring holistic professional who possesses critical thinking/problem solving skills, integrity, accountability, a theoretical knowledge base, refined psychomotor skills, and a commitment to life-long learning. Program graduates receive an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree. Graduates are then eligible to apply and take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN, and licensure by the Georgia Board of Nursing, graduates are employed as registered nurses in a variety of settings.
The Patient Care Assistant Technical Certificate of Credit prepares students with rigorous classroom training and practice as well as the clinical experiences to perform a full range of patient care duties or services under nursing or medical direction. This includes taking vital signs, obtaining lab specimens, assisting with activities of daily living, observing and charting patient information, and reporting appropriate information to supervisors. It may also include providing various outreach services to clients within the community. Students who successfully complete the Patient Care Assistant Technical Certificate of Credit may be eligible to sit for the National Nurse Aide Assessment program (NNAAP) which determines competency to become enrolled in the state nurse aide registry.
HIT MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY DEGREE (VLD)

The Health Information Technology degree program is a sequence of courses designed to provide students with the technical knowledge and skills necessary to process, maintain, analyze, and report health information data according to legal accreditation, licensure and certification standards for reimbursement, facility planning, marketing, risk management, utilization management, quality assessment, and research. Program graduates will develop leadership skills necessary to serve in a functional supervisory role in various components of the health information system.

JOB DUTIES (include but are not limited to)
- Enter information, such as diagnoses and treatments, from medical records into computers
- Use computers to assign patients to a “diagnosis-related group” (DRG)
- Compile and maintain records of patients who have certain health problems. Analyze data to provide research information
- Assemble and analyze patient data to help improve patient care or control costs
- May specialize in coding diagnoses and procedures.
- May supervise and train other medical records staff

JOB TITLE
- Health Information Technician

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK
- Expected job growth between 2013-2023 is 15.9%

WAGE PROJECTION
- $11.38 hourly

HIT MANAGEMENT CODING DIPLOMA (VLD, ONLINE*)

*only portions of this program are taught online

The Health Information Coding Diploma prepares students to be medical coders and billers to classify medical records according to accepted standards. The classification of diagnoses and treatments is required for Medicare and insurance reimbursement in hospitals, outpatient clinics, and medical offices. The program offers training in anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, diagnostic coding, and medical procedural coding.

JOB DUTIES (include but are not limited to)
- Gather and organize information for patients’ medical records
- Review patients’ medical records for completeness and accuracy
- Prepare medical records for release to authorized parties
- May perform medical transcription

JOB TITLE
- Health Information Technician

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK
- Expected job growth between 2013-2023 is 15.9%

WAGE PROJECTION
- $11.38 hourly

Note: This program qualifies for the Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant (SIWDG).

Allison Cooper
The Eyewear Dispensing Specialist Technical Certificate of Credit is a short-term program designed to provide the basic knowledge and skills needed to gain employment as an eyewear dispensing specialist. The program also provides the opportunity for individuals in the optical field to obtain formal education in a specialized area.

**JOB DUTIES**
(include but are not limited to)
- Evaluate prescriptions and recommend specific lenses, lens coatings, and frames in conjunction with patients’ vocational and avocational visual requirements
- Measure client’s bridge, eye size, temple length, vertex distance, pupillary distance, and optical centers of eyes
- Fabricate lenses to meet prescription specifications
- Verify that finished lenses are ground to specifications
- Heat, shape, or bend plastic or metal frames to adjust eyeglasses to fit clients
- Perform preliminary contact lens fitting of patient using the keratometer and slit lamp
- Evaluate patient for necessary adjustments to contact lens parameters
- Instruct clients in how to wear and care for contact lenses
- Dispense prescription eyewear or contact lenses to patients after verification of prescription parameters

**JOB TITLE**
- Licensed Dispensing Optician
  Secondary Job Titles: Owner/Operator of Business, Laboratory Manager, Office Manager, Store Manager, Frame Company Representative, Laboratory Representative, Optometric Technician (qualified to perform), Ophthalmic Technician (qualified to perform, but not certified unless test is passed)

**OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK**
- Expected job growth between 2013-2023 is 52.3%

**WAGE PROJECTION**
- $15.19 hourly

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The Opticianry degree program prepares students for employment in a variety of positions in today’s Opticianry field. A licensed dispensing optician (LDO) can be described as a visual pharmacist who fills the written prescription orders of Ophthalmologists and Optometrists. The opticianry program teaches students how to fabricate prescription lenses, from semi-finished lens blanks, to be inserted into fashionable eyewear worn by the patient. Adjusting and fitting eyewear as well as frame selection and dispensing are also part of the curriculum.

The Opticianry program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Additionally, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in the area of Opticianry management.

Graduates of the program receive an Opticianry degree.

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The Opticianry diploma program prepares students for employment in a variety of positions in today’s Opticianry field. A licensed dispensing optician (LDO) can be described as a visual pharmacist who fills the written prescription orders of Ophthalmologists and Optometrists. The opticianry program teaches students how to fabricate prescription lenses, from semi-finished lens blanks, to be inserted into fashionable eyewear worn by the patient. Adjusting and fitting eyewear as well as frame selection and dispensing are also part of the curriculum.

The Opticianry program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Graduates of the program receive an Opticianry diploma.

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The Refractometry Technical Certificate is designed to meet the needs of the student that is interested in/or currently employed in the Optical field. This certificate introduces the student to the eye care field and the profession of Optometry.

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For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program and other important information, please visit our website at www.wiregrass.edu/GE/OP14/Gedt.html

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program and other important information, please visit our website at www.wiregrass.edu/GE/RE11/Gedt.html
The Surgical Technology diploma program prepares students for employment in a variety of positions in the surgical field. The Surgical Technology diploma program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and technical knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. In addition, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in surgical technology. Graduates of the program receive a Surgical Technology diploma and are qualified for employment as surgical technologists as well as eligible to sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) examination through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program and other important information, please visit our website at www.wiregrass.edu/GE/ST12/Gedt.html

Note: This program qualifies for the Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant (SIWDG).

JOB DUTIES (include but are not limited to)
- Assists in preparing patients for surgery
- Ensures that staff, surgeon, and assistants are properly dressed and protected with scrubs, gown, and gloves
- Sets up sterile table with instruments, supplies, equipment, & medications needed for procedure
- Passes instruments and supplies to the surgeon during procedure
- Participates in all types of surgical procedures including Robotic Surgery
- Maintains highest standard of sterile technique during procedure
- Cleans and prepares instruments for terminal sterilization

JOB TITLE
- Surgical Technologist

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK
- Expected job growth between 2013-2023 is 22.5%

WAGE PROJECTION
- $16.22 hourly
**JOB DUTIES**
*include but are not limited to*
- Use x-ray equipment to produce 2-D and 3-D images of the tissue, organs, bones and vessels of the body
- Explain radiological procedures to patients
- Actively practice radiation safety measures to protect patients and staff
- Position patient on the examining table and manipulate equipment so that various angles of prescribed anatomical structures can be imaged
- Determine adequate amount of x-ray to dispense and appropriate distance of x-ray equipment
- Review images and evaluate the clarity of these images to be sure that doctors can read them

**JOB TITLE**
- Radiologic Technologist

**OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK**
- Expected job growth between 2013-2023 is 9.3%

**WAGE PROJECTION**
- $22.18 hourly

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**RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY DEGREE (VLD)**

The Radiologic Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree program is a sequence of courses that prepares students to enter the field as an entry-level radiographer. Learning opportunities develop academic, technical, and professional knowledge and skills required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. The program emphasizes a combination of didactic and clinical instruction necessary for successful employment. Program graduates receive an associate of applied science degree, have the qualifications of a radiographer, and are eligible to sit for the Radiography Examination of the ARRT.

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**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY SPECIALIST**
**TCC (CFE, VLD)**

The Computed Tomography (CT) technical certificate program provides educational opportunities to the post-graduate registered Radiologic Technologist, registered Radiation Therapist and registered Nuclear Medicine Technologist in good standing. It provides students with the knowledge needed to perform CT exams, and to sit for the Post-Primary Computed Tomography Certification Examination. The academic component is designed to meet competency requirements of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) exam in Computed Tomography, as well as providing for continuing educational requirements.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program and other important information, please visit our website at www.wiregrass.edu/GE/CT91/Gedt.html
The Dental Hygiene program is a cooperative degree program offered by Wiregrass Georgia Technical College and Valdosta State University. Students earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree from Valdosta State. The program consists of a combination of academic core courses at VSU and clinical training provided at WGTC. Clinical Training begins annually fall semester. Because of the depth and scope of training, the program utilizes a competitive admission process for selection of students.

The Dental Hygiene program is a sequence of courses that prepares students for positions in the dental profession. Learning opportunities develop academic, technical, and professional knowledge and skills required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Registered dental hygienists work in a variety of professional settings.

Upon graduation from the program, graduates must pass the Dental Hygiene National Board and the Central Regional Dental Testing Service clinical exam in order to obtain a license to practice dental hygiene.

The Dental Assisting accredited diploma program prepares students for employment in a variety of positions in today's dental offices. The Dental Assisting program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Additionally, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in the area of dental assisting. Graduates of the program receive a Dental Assisting diploma, are certified in Radiology and Expanded Duties in Georgia, and are eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB).

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program and other important information, please visit our website at www.wiregrass.edu/GE/DA12/Gedt.html
**JOB DUTIES**
(include but are not limited to)
- Perform all duties under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist
- Prepare medications and intravenous (IV) preparations
- Count, measure, or mix medications
- Maintain proper storage and security for medications
- Calculate charges for medications and/or equipment
- Prepare and submit insurance claims

**JOB TITLE**
- Pharmacy Technician

**OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK**
- Expected job growth between 2013-2023 is 11.3%

**WAGE PROJECTION**
- $11.79 hourly

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**PHARMACY TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA (VLD)**

The Pharmacy Technology Diploma is designed to enable the student to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes for employment within a pharmacy. Program graduates will be able to perform a variety of technical duties related to preparing and dispensing medications in accordance with standard procedures and law under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist. A variety of clinical experiences are designed to integrate theory and practice. Graduates will be employable as an entry level pharmacy technician.

The Pharmacy Technology program is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program and other important information, please visit our website at www.wiregrass.edu/GE/PT22/Gedt.html

**Note:** This program qualifies for the Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant (SIWDG).
**PARAMEDICINE DEGREE (VLD)**

The Paramedicine Applied Associate in Science degree program prepares students to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the complex knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Paramedics function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Paramedics perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. The Paramedic is a link from the scene into the health care system. The Paramedicine degree program prepares students for employment in paramedic positions in today’s health services field. The Paramedic degree program provides learning opportunities that introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Successful completion of the program allows the graduate to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) Paramedic certification examination and apply for Georgia licensure with the State Office of Emergency Medical Service and Trauma (SOEMST) as a paramedic.

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**JOB DUTIES**
*include but are not limited to*
- Administer first aid and emergency treatment to sick or injured persons
- Operate equipment that monitors the heart, restarts the heart, and provides oxygen to patients
- Assess nature and extent of illness or injury to decide what medical procedures to do and when to do them
- Clean, decontaminate, and maintain vehicles. Refill supplies that were used
- Observe and record patients’ conditions and reactions to treatment. Report them to physicians
- Perform emergency care and procedures during ambulance ride

**JOB TITLE**
- Paramedic

**OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK**
- Expected job growth between 2013-2023 is 30.2%

**WAGE PROJECTION**
- $11.97 hourly
JOB DUTIES
(include but are not limited to)
• Administer first aid and emergency treatment to sick or injured persons
• Operate equipment that monitors the heart, restarts the heart, and provides oxygen to patients
• Assess nature and extent of illness or injury to decide what medical procedures to do and when to do them
• Clean, decontaminate, and maintain vehicles. Refill supplies that were used
• Observe and record patients’ conditions and reactions to treatment. Report them to physicians
• Perform emergency care and procedures during ambulance ride

JOB TITLE
• Emergency Medical Technician

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK
• Expected job growth between 2013-2023 is 28.9%

WAGE PROJECTION
• $11.62 hourly

Students who complete the EMS Professions diploma will be able to fluidly move into the paramedicine program at the diploma level. Successful completion of the program allows the graduate to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians AEMT certification examination and to apply for Georgia licensure as an AEMT. The primary focus of the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician is to provide basic and limited advanced emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight.

Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician is a link from the scene to the emergency health care system.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program and other important information, please visit our website at www.wiregrass.edu/GE/EP12/Geotd.html HTI
EXAMPLES OF JOB TITLES
(include but are not limited to)
• Neuromuscular Therapist
• Massage Therapist

JOB DUTIES
(include but are not limited to)
• Treat clients by using touch to manipulate the muscles and other soft tissues of the body.
• With their touch, therapists relieve pain, help heal injuries, improve circulation, relieve stress, increase relaxation, and aid in the general wellness of clients.

WAGE PROJECTION
$38,040 yearly

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK
Expected job growth between 2012-2024 is 22%
ESTHETICIAN TCC (VLD)

The Cosmetic Esthetician TCC is designed to offer esthetics training for entry-level students. Completion of the program prepares students to sit for the Esthetics licensure examination given by the Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and to work in a variety of professions that employ estheticians in beauty salons, spas, health clubs, cosmetics stores as well as plastic surgeons’ and dermatologist’s offices.

Brooke Tallman

PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIAN TCC (BHI, CFE, VLD)

The Phlebotomy Technician Technical Certificate program educates students to collect blood and process blood and body fluids. Phlebotomy technicians typically work in concert with clinical laboratory personnel and other healthcare providers in hospitals or other healthcare facilities. Topics covered include human anatomy, anatomical terminology, venipuncture, and clinical practice.

Cheryl Warren

Note: This program qualifies for the Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant (SIWDG).
Allied Health Programs for High School

MOVE ON WHEN READY PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students attending a Wiregrass Campus may enroll in any credit program under MOWR. The programs below are traditionally offered on a high school campus.

NURSE AIDE
TCC (HIGH SCHOOL)

The Nurse Aide Technical Certificate of Credit prepares students with classroom training and practice as well as the clinical experiences necessary to care for patients in various settings including general medical and surgical hospitals, nursing care facilities, community care facilities for the elderly, and home health care services. Students who successfully complete the Nurse Aide Technical Certificate of Credit may be eligible to sit for the National Nurse Aide Assessment program (NNAAP) which determines competency to become enrolled in the state nurse aide registry.

Note: This program qualifies for the Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant (SIWDG).

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER
TCC (HIGH SCHOOL)

The Emergency Medical Responder certificate program prepares students to initiate immediate lifesaving care to critical patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide lifesaving interventions while awaiting additional EMS response and to assist higher level personnel at the scene and during transport. Emergency Medical Responders function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. The Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) technical certificate of credit provides students with the opportunity to prepare for entry-level into the emergency medical services professions for possible employment in a variety of prehospital, industrial and first responder settings. After successful completion of a SOEMST approved EMR program the graduate may take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians EMR certification examination.

HEALTHCARE ACCESS ASSOCIATE
TCC (HIGH SCHOOL)

Healthcare access services (also referred to as patient access services and front line staff) is the department and staff of the hospital performing common functions and processes related to handling protected health data and assisting the patient through their service experience. The Healthcare Access Services Department takes care of the patient’s needs from the time the patient initially contacts or presents to the hospital, clinic, or physician’s office for services, and continues until the time the patient receives medical/mental health services. This curriculum focuses on knowledge, skills and competencies related to: identifying and collecting quality data, understanding electronic health records, interpreting medical terminology, meeting healthcare reimbursement insurance system guidelines and collecting upfront payments to help increase the organization’s revenue cycle performance. The program also presents the student with a body of knowledge instilling customer service excellence through effective communication in the healthcare environment. Students learn how to follow standard policies and procedures pertinent to scheduling, insurance authorization and verification, registration and admissions, point of service collections and other skills required for the Healthcare Access Associate. The program is designed to encourage professional growth in the field and prepare the student to sit for the National Association of Healthcare Access Management (NAHAM) exam for certification as a Certified Healthcare Access Associate (CHAA).

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
TCC (HIGH SCHOOL)

The Medical Receptionist certificate program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills and attitudes required in today’s medical office.
CRITERIA BEGINNING FALL 2017

ALLIED HEALTH

COMPETITIVE ADMISSIONS PROGRAMS:

DENTAL ASSISTING
DENTAL HYGIENE
(IN COOPERATION WITH VSU)

PRACTICAL NURSING
RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
REGISTERED NURSING
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

REGULAR ADMISSIONS PROGRAMS:

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Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the programs listed above. The application materials are collected by the Admissions Office and are submitted to the appropriate Admissions Specialist for consideration. Any application received after the deadline will be accepted and considered only on a space-available basis. All applicants are notified by letter and email concerning their admission status to the program. Selection criteria are program-specific and should be discussed with the Allied Health Advisor prior to submission of application. Only students who have met all the criteria should apply.

- Students must be in “good academic standing” on the first day of the term they are admitted for the program.
- Priority competitive admissions application deadlines are May 15th for the Fall Semester, August 15th for the Spring Semester, and March 15th for the Summer Semester.
- The HESI A2 Exam or HOAE must be completed prior to the application deadline.
- Students do not have to complete all of the courses evaluated for competitive admissions to make application, however students will only receive points based on grades received for courses they have completed by the deadline.
- Courses evaluated for competitive admissions must be completed before the start of the occupational phase of the program.
- All of the competitive admissions criteria are current at date of publication but are subject to change with curriculum revisions. Please see your advisor for the most current criteria.

For more information or to apply, please contact Admissions at:
(229) 333-2100
admissions@wiregrass.edu
See Program Specific Criteria for the Competitive Admissions Process on page 18.
# Program Specific Criteria for the Wiregrass Competitive Admissions Process

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- ENGL 1101 Composition I  
- ENGL 1102 Composition II  
- MATH 1101 or 1111  
- BIOL 2651 Human A & P  
- BIOL 2652 Human A & P  
- BIOL 2900 Microbiology  
- CHEM 1151 General: Chemistry I  
- CHEM 1152 Organic: Chemistry II  
- POLS 1101 American Government  
- HIST 2111 American History  
- PSYC 1101 Fundamentals of Psychology  
- SOCI 1101 Intro to Sociology  
- COMM 1110 or COMM 1100 or ACED 2050 | Wiregrass Course:  
- ENGL 1101  
- ENGL 1102  
- MATH 1111  
- BIOL 2113/2113L  
- BIOL 2114/2114L  
- BIOL 2117/2117L  
- CHEM 1151/1151L  
- CHEM 1152/1152L  
- POLS 1101  
- HIST 2111  
- PSYC 1101  
- SOCI 1101  
- SPCH 1101 | HESI A2 (Cumulative score of 75 required) | See Competitive Admissions Informational Packet for selection criteria 5 Points for CODA Accredited Dental Programs graduate |

| Radiology Technology Degree | Valdosta Campus Fall    | “C” or better in all classes & 2.75 GPA on attempted program courses | · BIOL 2113/L Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab  
- ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric  
- MATH 1101 or MATH 1111 | HESI A2 (Cumulative score of 75 required) | 10 Points if a graduate of a health related TCC program/20 Points for Diploma or Degree program 4 Points for additional core classes completed that are not required to make application |

| Registered Nurse            | Valdosta Campus Spring  | “C” or better in all classes & 2.75 GPA on attempted program courses | · ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric  
- MATH 1111 College Algebra  
- BIOL 2113/L Anatomy and Physiology I  
- PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology | HESI A2 (Cumulative score of 75 required) | 10 Points if a graduate of a health related TCC program/20 Points for Diploma or Degree program 4 Points for additional core classes completed that are not required to make application |

| Dental Assisting            | Valdosta Campus Fall    | “C” or better in all classes | · ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English  
- ALHS 1011 Structure and Function of the Human Body  
- ALHS 1040 Introduction to Healthcare  
- COLL 1010 College Success or COMP 2000 Intro to Computers  
- PSYC 1010 Basic Psychology  
- MATH 1012 Foundations of Mathematics | HESI A2 (no minimum score required) | Course Quality Points (30%) + HESI Critical Thinking Conversion Score (20%) + HESI Cumulative (50%) |

| Practical Nursing           | Valdosta Campus Fall, Summer Coffee Campus Spring, Ben Hill-Irwin Campus Fall | “C” or better in all classes | · ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English  
- PSYC 1010 Basic Psychology  
- MATH 1012 Foundations of Mathematics  
- ALHS 1060 Diet & Nutrition  
- ALHS 1011 Structure and Function of the Human Body | HESI A2 (Cumulative score of 60 required) | Course Quality Points (30%) + HESI Critical Thinking Conversion Score (20%) + HESI Cumulative (50%) |

| Surgical Technology         | Valdosta Campus Fall    | “C” or better in all classes | · ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English  
- MATH 1012 Foundations of Mathematics  
- PSYC 1010 Basic Psychology  
- ALHS 1011 Structure and Function of the Human Body  
- ALHS 1090 Medical Terminology | HESI A2 (no minimum score required) | Course Quality Points (30%) + HESI Critical Thinking Conversion Score (20%) + HESI Cumulative (50%) |
Competitive Admissions Application for Allied Health Programs

Application Deadlines:
Fall Semester: May 15
Spring Semester: August 15
Summer Semester: March 15

APPLICANT INFORMATION
Student Name: ________________________________________ Student ID: ____________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________
City: _________________________________        State: __________________        Zip Code: _______________
Phone Number: _____________________________       Cell Phone Number: ____________________________
Student/Personal E-Mail: _____________________________________________________________________

PROGRAM OF INTEREST
Semester:  ☐ Fall  ☐ Spring  ☐ Summer         Campus(es):  ☐ Ben-Hill Irwin  ☐ Coffee  ☐ Valdosta

Competitive Program (each program needs a separate application):
☐ ASN                ☐ Radiologic Technology                ☐ Dental Hygiene
☐ Dental Assisting    ☐ Practical Nursing                ☐ Surgical Technology

QUALIFYING QUESTIONS
☐ Yes  ☐ No I am a student at WGTC or have completed an application for admission to WGTC.
☐ Yes  ☐ No I am in GOOD academic standing (not Probation or Dismissal).
  Students on Academic Probation or Suspension cannot be accepted into a competitive program.
☐ Yes  ☐ No I have attached unofficial copies of all my transcripts.
☐ Yes  ☐ No I have highlighted all required core. If not, please do so now.
☐ Yes  ☐ No I have completed all the required core courses. If not, you must do so by the start of the
  program term; no points are added to your ranking for these.
☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ N/A I have attached a copy of the HESI A2.

Please submit this application and all supporting documents to your local Admissions Office. Incomplete or late
applications may NOT be considered.

Student Signature _____________________________________   Date __________________________

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Received By _________________________________________     Date __________________________

Comments:

HESI score(s): ___________________   Critical Thinking: __________________  Quality Points: ______________
Admission/Readmission Checklist

Student ID#: 900

☐ Complete and sign an Application for Admission/Readmission. Be certain to fully and accurately answer all the residency questions on the application.

☐ Submit a government-issued ID or Driver’s License for proof of lawful presence. See Admissions for a more detailed list of acceptable items, if needed.

☐ Pay a one-time, non-refundable $25 application fee.

☐ Submit ALL official (printed or E-script) transcripts. All high school/GED and college transcripts are required unless otherwise noted. Request transcripts be sent to your campus using the addresses listed at the bottom of this form. Opened and/or faxed transcripts are not official and therefore invalid.

☐ Take the college placement test. You may be exempt upon review of ACT, SAT, and/or college transcripts that you turn in.

☐ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or HOPE Scholarship/Grant application. The FAFSA is the application for both the Federal Pell Grant AND the HOPE Scholarship/Grant. The application is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. To apply for HOPE Scholarship/Grant ONLY, visit www.gafutures.org and complete a profile and HOPE application. Visit our website at www.wiregrass.edu for additional information.

☐ Contact the Veterans Affairs (VA) representative for benefit information. This applies to active duty, retired, national guard, and reservist members or dependents only.

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If you have any questions, please visit our website at www.wiregrass.edu or contact the Office of Admissions at one of the campus locations.

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SECTION 1 PERSONAL INFORMATION
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ____________________________ DATE OF BIRTH ____________________________
LAST NAME ___________________ FIRST NAME ___________________ MIDDLE NAME ___________________
PHONE NUMBER __________________ ALL PREVIOUS NAMES USED __________________
EMAIL ADDRESS __________________
MAILING ADDRESS __________________ CITY __________________ STATE __________________ ZIP __________________
COUNTY (CHECK ONE): □ Atkinson □ Ben Hill □ Berrien □ Brooks □ Coffee □ Cook
□ Echols □ Irwin □ Lanier □ Lowndes □ Wilcox □ Other: __________________
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION
NAME __________________ PHONE __________________ RELATIONSHIP __________________
SECTION 2 STATISTICAL DATA
THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR PURPOSES OF REPORTING TO FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AGENCIES ONLY AND WILL NOT BE USED IN DETERMINING ADMISSIONS.
GENDER □ MALE □ FEMALE
ARE YOU HISPANIC OR LATINO? □ YES □ NO
DID YOUR MOTHER GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE? □ YES □ NO □ UNKNOWN
DID YOUR FATHER GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE? □ YES □ NO □ UNKNOWN
SECTION 3A RESIDENCY INFORMATION
ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN? □ YES □ NO
IF YES, PLEASE GO TO SECTION 3B
IF NO, ARE YOU A PERMANENT RESIDENT? □ YES □ NO
IF YES, WHAT IS YOUR COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP?
NOTE: PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD MUST BE PRESENTED FOR IN-STATE OR OUT-OF-STATE TUITION CONSIDERATION
WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT VISA STATUS? □ YES □ NO
DO YOU NEED AN F OR M STUDENT VISA? □ YES □ NO
WHAT IS YOUR COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP? WHAT IS YOUR COUNTRY OF BIRTH?
SECTION 3B RESIDENCY INFORMATION
CHOOSE ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS.
NOTE: THIS WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE TUITION RATES AND FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY. FAILURE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE VALID INFORMATION MAY IMPACT TUITION.
 □ I AM 24 YEARS OLD OR OLDER
1. HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA FOR THE LAST 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS? □ YES □ NO

 □ I AM UNDER 24 YEARS OLD AND MY PARENTS / GUARDIAN CLAIMED ME ON THEIR MOST RECENT TAX RETURN
1. WHAT IS YOUR PARENT/ GUARDIAN’S LEGAL STATE OF RESIDENCE? ____________________________
2. HOW LONG HAVE THEY CONTINUOUSLY LIVED IN THE STATE LISTED? ____________________________ YEARS or MONTHS __________________

 □ I AM UNDER 24 YEARS OLD AND NO ONE CLAIMED ME ON THEIR MOST RECENT TAX RETURN
1. HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA FOR THE LAST 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS? □ YES □ NO

SECTION 3C RESIDENCY INFORMATION
DO YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR IN-STATE TUITION IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE? □ YES □ NO
IF YES, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUIRED.
SECTION 4 HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION
WIREGRASS GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DOES NOT ACCEPT SPECIAL EDUCATION DIPLOMAS OR CERTIFICATES OF PERFORMANCE. ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS MUST HAVE THE APPROPRIATE ACCREDITATION FOR ACCEPTANCE.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

☐ I GRADUATED FROM: ___________________________ (NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL) _________________ YEAR:

☐ I WILL GRADUATE FROM: ___________________________ (NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL) _________________ YEAR:

☐ I EARNED MY GED IN: (YEAR) _________________ ☐ I WILL EARN MY GED IN: (YEAR) _________________

SECTION 5 COLLEGE INFORMATION
PLEASE LIST ALL COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

________________________________________________________   FROM:  __________________  TO:  _____________________________

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________________________________________________________   FROM:  __________________  TO:  _____________________________

NAME OF SCHOOL  DEGREE EARNED

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OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS FROM ALL PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED SCHOOLS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WIREGRASS GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE FROM THE ISSUING INSTITUTION. ALL FOREIGN TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE EVALUATED BY AN APPROVED EVALUATION AGENCY. ALL POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS MUST HAVE APPROPRIATE ACCREDITATION FOR ACCEPTANCE.

SECTION 6 MILITARY INFORMATION

ARE YOU CURRENTLY ACTIVE DUTY, A VETERAN, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, OR A RESERVIST IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES? ☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, WHAT BRANCH?

☐ MAA MILITARY ACTIVE ARMY ☐ MAN MILITARY ACTIVE NAVY

☐ MAC MILITARY ACTIVE COAST GUARD ☐ MG MILITARY ACTIVE NATIONAL GUARD

☐ MAF MILITARY ACTIVE AIR FORCE ☐ MR MILITARY ACTIVE RESERVIST

☐ MAM MILITARY ACTIVE MARINE ☐ MV MILITARY VETERAN

ARE YOU A DEPENDENT/SPOUSE OF AN ACTIVE DUTY, A VETERAN, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, OR A RESERVIST IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES? ☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, WHAT BRANCH?

☐ RAA DEPENDENT/SPOUSE ARMY ☐ RAN DEPENDENT/SPOUSE NAVY

☐ RAC DEPENDENT/SPOUSE COAST GUARD ☐ RG DEPENDENT/SPOUSE NATIONAL GUARD

☐ RAF DEPENDENT/SPOUSE AIR FORCE ☐ RR DEPENDENT/SPOUSE RESERVIST

☐ RAM DEPENDENT/SPOUSE MARINE ☐ RV DEPENDENT/SPOUSE VETERAN

SECTION 7 PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROGRAM OF STUDY:

☐ DAY ☐ EVENING ☐ EXTENDED DAY

☐ DEGREE ☐ DIPLOMA ☐ CERTIFICATE

SPECIALIZATION OR HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM DESIRED:

TERM:

☐ SUMMER SEMESTER ☐ FALL SEMESTER ☐ SPRING SEMESTER

ENTERING STATUS:

☐ BEGINNING ☐ TRANSFER

☐ RETURNING ☐ HIGH SCHOOL

☐ TRANSIENT (YOUR PROGRAM OF STUDY WILL BE LISTED AS TRANSIENT) ☐ SPECIAL ADMIT (YOUR PROGRAM OF STUDY WILL BE LISTED AS SPECIAL ADMIT)

YEAR _________________

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ONLINE CLASSES ☐ YES ☐ NO

PLEASE CHECK ALL STATEMENTS THAT APPLY TO YOU BELOW.

☐ I UNDERSTAND THAT PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A 16-10-20, IT IS A FELONY TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT ON ANY STATE DOCUMENT. IN ADDITION, MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM THE COLLEGE.

☐ I CERTIFY THAT BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION I HAVE INCURRED A $25 APPLICATION FEE AND THAT FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

☐ ALL MATERIALS SUBMITTED FOR APPLICATION BECOME THE PROPERTY OF WIREGRASS GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (WGTCC) AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT.

☐ I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY LIKENESS, VOICE, OR COMMENTS TO BE USED IN ANY PROMOTIONAL ITEM ON BEHALF OF WGTCC.

☐ I GIVE PERMISSION TO WGTCC TO RELEASE INFORMATION TO POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS AS PART OF THE JOB PLACEMENT SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE COLLEGE.

☐ I UNDERSTAND THAT WGTCC IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION PROVIDED NOR FOR CHARGES INCURRED FROM SUCH.

☐ I GIVE WGTCC PERMISSION TO CONTACT ME AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS I HAVE PROVIDED VIA ANY MEANS, INCLUDING TEXT MESSAGE OR VOICE.

☐ I AUTHORIZE WGTCC TO DEDUCT TUITION, FEES, AND MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES OWED TO WIREGRASS GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE FROM MY TITLE IV FINANCIAL AID, HOPE GRANT OR HOPE SCHOLARSHIP.

SIGNATURE _________________________________________________________________ DATE _____________________________

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### Dental Assisting
- 90% placed in field rate

### Medical Assisting
- 85% placed in field rate

### Opticianry
- 100% pass rate on State Board Licensure

### Registered Nurse
- $65K median average wage
- 89% pass rate

### Esthetics

### Dental Hygiene
- Graduates are credentialed to practice in 40 states
- 93% pass rate on State Board Licensure

### Surgical Technology
- 89% placed in field rate
- Accredited by CAAHEP

### Radiologic Technology
- 94% pass rate on Certification Exam
- Program created by community request

### General Education Health Core
- 519 graduates in medical related field in FY15

### Pharmacy Technology
- Accredited by ASHP and ACPE
- 100% pass rate on the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam
- 97% placed in field rate

### Radiology
- Growing job opportunities in physicians’ offices & imaging services

### Health Information Technology
- From paper to electronic medical records
- Program created by community request

### Certified Nurse Aide
- 92% pass rate on written exam
- 116 dually enrolled high school students

### Medical Assisting
- 93% placed in field rate

### Opticianry
- 100% pass rate

### Radiologic Technology
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ANY VIOLATION OR QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Shalonda Sanders, Title IX Coordinator (all campuses)
Executive Director for Human Resources
Valdosta Campus, Berrien Hall, Room 114
(229) 333-5356 opt. 4 or shalonda.sanders@wiregrass.edu

Katrina Royal, Student ADA & Section 504 Coordinator (all campuses)
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