

WALLACE STATE COLLEGE

Polysomnography Program FAQ's

1. Q. What classes do I need to take?

- A. There are no prerequisite classes for the Polysomnography program such as math or English. You do not need to take any classes before applying to the PSG program. The classes you will be taking if accepted are PSG specific classes.

2. Q. Do I have to take the ACT?

- A. Yes, even if you already have a college degree or have taken college classes. The ACT is required for all applicants in order to be considered and ranked.

A minimum of 17 ACT composite score (National or Residual) is required for admission consideration. Proof of score must be uploaded to the online application.

ACT scores are available on Degree Works reports, transcripts including High School, and through ACT.org. While an official score report is not required, if ordering your score report from ACT.org, please use Code 0083 and allow 4-6 weeks for processing. Wallace will receive your score from ACT and add it on your myWallace account. To use scores available on ACT.org you will need to print to PDF, we do not accept screenshots. We will accept ACT Superscores from ACT, but not manually calculated scores.

3. Q. Do I have to have American Heart Assoc. health care provider CPR before I apply to the program?

- A. You do not have to obtain your AHA healthcare provider CPR card before you apply to the program. If accepted you will need to have your card prior to the start of classes and clinicals.

American Heart Association Healthcare Provider is the only CPR we accept. You can register for EMS 100 if accepted or there is a class offered at WSCC for a fee and you can find more information and register here

<https://www.wallacestate.edu/programs/workforce-development/continuing-education.html> Online CPR classes are not accepted.

If you already have an approved CPR card it must be valid for the duration of the program and must not expire before June of the next year of which you are

accepted. For example, if you are accepted for the class of fall 2024 your card must be valid until June 2025.

4. Q. When do classes start?

A. Fall semester.

5. Q. Is the program online? Do I have to come to campus?

A. The program is considered a Hybrid program. Which means we do have a small portion which you would need to be on campus. In the PSG program you will be required to be on campus for one week at the beginning of the fall semester. Dates and times will be scheduled and communicated to the accepted students by the program director. You will also be required to attend an on-campus orientation meeting. Date and time for that meeting will be communicated if you are accepted.

6. Q. How long is the program?

A. 2 semesters – Fall and spring. The PSG program doesn't have any classes in the summer.

7. Q. How will I do my coursework?

A. You will do all of your coursework online. Lectures, homework, quizzes and exams will all be available online for you to complete.

8. Q. Can I choose my clinical site?

A. No. The clinical sites we offer are ones we have a contract with and that will accept our students. The program director will try to schedule your clinicals at a lab as close as possible to where you live. You should expect a commute time of 10 minutes to 1 and a half hours to reach your site depending on where you are scheduled. It could be a little longer if you live in a very remote area.

9. Q. Can I choose how often I go to clinicals and what nights to go?

A. No. The clinical site will communicate to the program director which nights they would be available to take students. Once that happens the student will be assigned to attend clinicals on those nights. Clinicals will be on the night shift and are normally from 6:30 pm to 6:30 am. Those times can vary by 2 hours + or – depending on when the lab operates. All students will attend clinicals 2-3-night shifts per week. The shifts will be from 10-12 hours per night. All students will be required to obtain 225 clinical hours each semester.

10. Q. If I live in another state can I do clinicals in my state?

A. It shouldn't be a problem. We have clinical sites in several states. If we do not already have a site in your state we will attempt to place a contract with one in your area before clinicals begin.

11. Q. I have already applied to WSCC do I need to submit all of my information again for the PSG program?

- A. Your application to the PSG dept. is separate from your college application so all forms and transcripts required for the PSG application must be submitted. If you have college transcripts, we will not need your HS transcripts. Be sure before applying to the PSG program you have already been accepted as a student by WSCC.

12. Q. Can I work and do this program?

- A. It is possible, but very difficult. We cannot schedule you for clinicals to accommodate your work schedule so keep that in mind. You are scheduled for the nights the lab has available. Your clinical commitment will be 2-3-night shifts per week. The shifts will be from 10-12 hours per night.

13. Q. How will I know if I have been accepted into the program?

- A. You will be notified by email as soon as the selection process has been completed. Please do not call the college. We cannot give application status over the phone.

14. Q. If I am accepted what should I do next?

- A. If accepted you will receive an email with further information and a mandatory on campus orientation meeting will be scheduled. You will be notified via email for the date and time of the on-campus meeting.

15. Q. Will I need a drug screen and a background check?

- A. All health science students are required to have a drug screen and a background check. Do not do these on your own. They must be done through WSCC. These will be scheduled if you are accepted to the program.