

STC Ranks #1 in Georgia Practical Nursing Schools

Southeastern Technical College (STC) has been ranked #1 in Georgia's practical nursing colleges by PRACTICALnursing.org. This review is based on National Council Licensure Examination for Licensed Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) exam first-time pass rates over the past several years.

STC's Practical Nursing program is offered in Vidalia and in Swainsboro, designed to prepare students to write the NCLEX-PN for licensure as practical nurses. The program prepares graduates to give competent nursing care through a selected number of general core and occupational courses providing a variety of techniques and materials. Students take part in a number of clinical experiences so that theory and practice are integrated under the guidance of the clinical instructor.

Once a student has completed general core and occupational classes, he/she is admitted into the Practical Nursing program based on a competitive admissions process. The program then generally takes a minimum of three consecutive semesters to complete. Students enter the program in either Fall or Spring semesters.

"The Practical Nursing faculty attributes this success and recognition to the dedicated faculty members, leadership, and staff at STC. We strive on a daily basis to promote excellence, teamwork, and consistency throughout the Practical Nursing program. The faculty strive to make decisions regarding program development using evidenced-based practice, which teaches our students to provide high-quality patient care. We are shown support and encouragement by our leaders in administration and have dedicated staff members that work to make our program successful as well. We are grateful for this recognition and believe it truly reflects the commitment of

the faculty to the success of each student,” said Rachel Sikes, Practical Nursing instructor.

For more information on careers in nursing at STC, visit www.southeasterntech.edu or call (912) 538-3100 or (478) 289-2200.

Photo: Fall 2019 – STC Practical Nursing graduates and instructors

Southeastern Technical College Honor Societies

November 5, 2019 – Southeastern Technical College (STC) is a recognized National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) Chapter and a recognized Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society. STC has been involved in the NTHS for several years and is pleased that many students have graduated with NTHS honors.

In 2016, STC requested to become a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was awarded the local Beta Phi Psi Chapter. NTHS and PTK recognize honor graduates who are pursuing a diploma or a degree from Southeastern Technical College. Phi Theta Kappa (Beta Phi Psi) honors students who are pursuing an associate’s degree from Southeastern Technical College.

National Technical Honor Society is the acknowledged leader in the recognition of outstanding student achievements in career and technical education. The NTHS mission is also to encourage higher scholastic achievement, cultivate a desire for personal excellence, and enhance career opportunities for top students. To qualify for membership, the student must be regularly admitted to a diploma or degree program, have completed at

least 35 cumulative hours, have an overall GPA of 3.5, and exhibit professional work ethics.

The mission of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize excellence among two-year college students and the purpose of the Beta Phi Psi Chapter at Southeastern Technical College is the promotion of scholarship, the development of leadership and service, and the cultivation of fellowship among two-year qualified students. Candidates for membership in the Beta Phi Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at STC must have completed 12 semester hours of associate degree course work with a GPA of 3.5, adhere to the school conduct code, and possess recognized qualities of citizenship.

Dr. Samuel Holton is the advisor for the National Technical Honor Society and the Beta Phi Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at STC. He states, "I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the honor students of Southeastern Technical College and I hope to encourage students to be not only academically successful but also to strive for personal achievements and to display leadership roles in their communities." Dr. Holton is a 2018 graduate of Nova Southeastern University where he earned a Doctor of Education.

To inquire about eligibility for membership or for additional information about these Chapters, contact Dr. Holton at sholton@southeasterntech.edu or at (478) 289-2236.

Photo: Dr. Samuel Holton, Advisor of National Technical Honor Society and Beta Phi Psi at STC

Hopkins Joins STC Board of Directors

October 22, 2019 – The Southeastern Technical College (STC) Board of Directors welcomed new board member Chris Hopkins at its October meeting. Toombs County Associate Probate Court Judge Tina Lindsey swore in Hopkins, who will represent Toombs County.

“I am excited to be joining the board at STC. It’s an honor to be able to serve our community in a role that fosters further education. As an employer in the agricultural field, I see firsthand the need for skilled labor. What better place to invest in fostering that talent than partnering with STC. The ability to attract, and most especially retain, skilled employees in our community is of utmost importance to the continued success of our industry,” said Hopkins.

Hopkins graduated from the University of Georgia with a master’s degree in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. He is the store manager for Lasseter Implement Co in Lyons and owner and operator of Hopkins Farms.

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Associate Probate Court Judge Tina Lindsey, STC Board Member Chris Hopkins, STC President Larry Calhoun

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Holton Installed as 2019-2020 GALA Chair

August 19, 2019 – Dr. Samuel Holton of Southeastern Technical College (STC) has been installed as Georgia Association of Literacy Advocates (GALA) 2019-2020 Chair.

GALA was formerly known as the Georgia Reading Association, (GRA) and is an affiliate of the International Association of Literacy (ILA).

Dr. Holton, Learning Support and Speech Instructor at STC, says, “I am honored to have the opportunity to serve GALA. I look forward to the opportunities to assist GALA as the organization continues in advancing literacy learning and teaching for all of Georgia.”

GALA aspires to:

Empower members of the Georgia Association of Literacy Advocates and local councils to become effective leaders in the field of literacy.

Provide quality literacy education services to all Georgia educators.

Recognize exemplary individuals and local and state literacy efforts.

Promote goals and objectives of the International Literacy Association.

Assist in implementing the Georgia Standards of Excellence.

Support literacy and other educational goals set for Georgia by the Georgia Department of Education.

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Holton Awarded GALA ChairHolton’s GALA Award



Dr. Sammy Holton – GALA Award