Calhoun Community College has received approval to implement an online LPN to RN Mobility bridge program within the state of Alabama. Calhoun Community College has had a successful LPN to PN Mobility program for the many years. However the traditional day classes are not convenient for many Licensed Practical Nurses who are working. Calhoun will begin the program with NUR201 Nursing through the Lifespan I this May 2010.

Career Mobility Tract I or Tract II

- If your graduation date from a practical nursing program is two years or more or you received your LPN certificate from another institution not following the Alabama College System Standardized Practical Nursing Curriculum, you are considered a Track I student. Track I students are required to take NUR200 Career Mobility Assessment. NUR200 Career Mobility Assessment is a hybrid format. All theory and unit testing will be available online with on-campus skills validation. Track I students begin in the spring semester.

- Track II students who have graduated within the last two years from an institution following the Alabama College System Standardized Practical Nursing Curriculum. Track II students begin in the summer semester in NUR201.

Course Options:

There are two course options for the Career Mobility- one option is the hybrid/online mobility and the traditional on campus.

The Online Career Mobility will begin with NUR201 course which includes an orientation date, skills validation, and online testing. Students would utilize our course management system for lecture and testing. The clinical component will be conducted in the local areas where the LPN resides through a preceptor process. This will allow students to meet the requirements of the LPN to RN Mobility without relocating or having a burden of excessive travel.

The On-campus option is for students who choose the LPN to RN mobility program through the traditional on-campus option, all courses are offered on the Decatur campus.

Calhoun Community College Nursing program is committed to providing excellence in nursing education that encompasses a holistic view, with respect for individuality and diversity. The students who successfully complete the three semesters of the online LPN to RN Mobility program will have attained an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing and be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses thus helping to meet the needs of the critical nursing shortage. The Alabama Board of Nursing is in full support of the online LP to RN mobility program.