



SHELTON STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ABILITY TO BENEFIT

General Information

Shelton State Community College, as mandated by the State Board of Education, has an open door policy. The College admits students without a high school diploma or a GED certificate into certain programs and courses not creditable toward an associate degree when the student demonstrates an ability-to-benefit **prior to enrollment**. Students admitted under these provisions will be classified as “Non-Degree-Eligible” students. Under the Ability-to-Benefit (ATB) provisions, applicants to courses not creditable toward an associate degree and programs comprised exclusively of courses not creditable to an associate degree must be at least 16 years of age and have not been enrolled in secondary education for at least one calendar year or be recommended by the superintendent of the student’s local board of education.

Requirements

Students without a high school diploma or GED certificate who wish to enroll in designated Ability-to-Benefit programs must take an Ability-to-Benefit test. An independent tester administers the Ability-to-Benefit test to determine if the student can enter one of the designated programs. The student must achieve a minimum score in order to qualify to enter one of the designated Ability-to-Benefit programs. Students who hold the Alabama Occupation Diploma are not required to take the Ability-to-Benefit test and are able to enter one of the designated Short Term Certificate Ability-to-Benefit programs.

Short Term Certificate (STC) programs available to qualified Ability-to-Benefit students:

- **Automotive Body Repair**
- **Carpentry**
- **Commercial Art**
- **Commercial Food Service**
- **Diesel Mechanics**
- **Welding**

Assessment & Testing

Students are required to make an appointment prior to taking the assessment. Appointments can be made by contacting the Counseling Center at 205.391.2232 or by visiting the Counseling Center on the Martin Campus.

Shelton State Community College is committed to following the Americans with Disabilities Act. To apply for special educational accommodations for testing, a student must turn in the required documentation to the Office of the Dean of Students prior to scheduling the testing session.

Students should bring a picture ID and a few pencils to the test site.

For more information about GED classes, contact the Office of Adult Education at 205.391.2662.

It is the official policy of the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education, including all postsecondary institutions under the control of the State Board of Education, that no person in Alabama will, on the grounds of race, color, disability, sex, religion, creed, national origin, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be subject to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment.

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