

# History

The Wallace Campus PN program was started in February 1952 with one instructor and 15 students. From 1955-1958, the Wallace Hall nursing building functioned as a classroom, as well as, dormitory for female nursing residents. Frazier-Ellis Hospital was the only clinical facility used until 1958 when Jackson Hospital in Montgomery, Alabama was added for pediatric clinicals. A second instructor was added to the faculty in 1960. In 1970, the PN program expanded and additional faculty and students were added.

In 1980, a new health building was constructed and the PN program was moved. As the PN program grew, an additional health building was constructed in 1990, and presently houses the PN program. This building was official named Rane Hall in 2007 in honor of Michael G. Rane, business leader and health care advocate.

In 1985, the PN program was expanded to include a day program at the Fort Rucker Army Base. The base is located about 20 miles from the Wallace Campus. Due to economic factors, a decision was made to no longer offer classes at the Fort Rucker Center after August 13, 2010.

The Sparks Campus PN program opened concurrently with the Sparks Trade School in July 1966. In preparation for the proposed merger and under direction of the Alabama Board of Nursing, the Sparks State Technical College PN program closed on May 15, 2000. Students enrolled at that time transferred to WCC's Sparks Campus in Eufaula Summer 2000.

In January 2017, the PN program, along with all Health Science programs, moved to the new Health Science Building.