

GENERAL INFORMATION

Section Two

A. THE COLLEGE

Darton State College, formerly Albany Junior College, was founded in 1963 by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia when the citizens of Albany and Dougherty County approved a bond referendum for the original land and buildings. The first classes were offered by the college in 1966.

Darton State College is a State College offering select baccalaureate degree programs, two-year transfer and career degrees, and one-year certificate programs. Graduates of transfer programs continue their studies at four-year colleges or universities, while graduates of career programs generally enter the workforce upon receiving their two-year degrees. Just over 50 percent of the students enrolled at Darton State College are traditional students immediately out of high school. Non-traditional students, who have been out of high school for five years or more, make up the rest of the student body.

To meet the needs of the community, Darton offers day, evening, weekend, and online classes. Students may earn degrees by attending college in the traditional classroom setting, or online.

B. ACCREDITATION AND APPROVAL

Darton State College is accredited by the [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges](#) to award Associate and Baccalaureate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Darton State College.

The three-fold purpose for publishing the Commission's access and contact numbers is to enable interested constituents

- (1) to learn about the accreditation status of the institution,
- (2) to file a third-party comment at the time of the institution's decennial review, or
- (3) to file a complaint against the institution for alleged non-compliance with a standard or requirement.

Normal inquiries about the institution, such as admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, etc., should be addressed directly to the institution and not the Commission's office.

Specific programs of study and their accreditors follow:

Associate of Science in Nursing – Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326 Phone (404) 975-5000 FAX (404)-975-5020

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, Phone: 404-975-5000, Fax: 975-5020

Dental Hygiene Program - Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312)440-2568 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. www.ada.org

Emergency Medical Services Program – Commission on Accreditation of Education Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP), 8301 Lakeview Pkwy, Suite 111-312, Rowlett, TX 75088, Phone: 214-703-8445. www.coaemsp.org

Health Information Technology Program – Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education, 233 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601-5519, (312)233-1100, www.cahim.org This is an agency of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) 233 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601-5519 (312)787-2672 www.ahima.org

Histotechnician Program – The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), 5600 N. River Rd., Suite 720, Rosemont, IL 60018-5119 (773) 714-8880,