New River Accepting Applications for Practical Nursing Program

New River Community and Technical College is now accepting applications for its School of Practical Nursing. Interested applicants may need to take prerequisite courses during New River’s spring semester, which begins January 19.
The practical nursing program is an intensive 11-month certificate program designed to prepare students for careers as Licensed Practical Nurses in a variety of healthcare settings. The curriculum provides students with classroom and clinical experiences in a variety of acute care, extended care and outpatient facilities. It also includes courses in pharmacology and nutrition.

The program also is designed for career laddering, awarding appropriate transfer credits for a seamless transfer into more advanced nursing programs of study, according to Joyce Egnor, RN, MSN, program director and chair of New River’s Allied Health Division. She added that 100 percent of the students in the Class of 2009 passed the practical nursing licensing exam on their first attempt, which is an excellent indication of the quality of New River’s nursing program.

The School of Practical Nursing is headquartered on New River’s Nicholas County Campus in Summersville, with cohorts in Pocahontas and Clay Counties. Pocahontas County classes are taught at Pocahontas County High School. The Clay County Cohort is located at the Valley Fork Education Center in Wallback.

Prerequisite courses required for admission to the New River School of Practical Nursing include English 101 (with a minimum grade of C); Math 101 or higher (Intermediate Algebra preferred); and Anatomy and Physiology I and II (lecture and lab).

Classes in Clay and Nicholas Counties will begin in mid-August. The deadline to apply is Friday, Dec. 11. For further information, contact Egnor at (304) 883-2481, ext. 6201.

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