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**100 Percent of New River Practical Nursing Graduates Pass Certification Exam on First Attempt**

Joyce Egnor, RN, MSN, director of the New River CTC School of Practical Nursing (standing, far left) is pictured with graduates of the Class of 2009 from the Nicholas County Campus.

[SUMMERSVILLE, WV] The faculty of the New River Community and Technical College School of Practical Nursing is pleased to announce that 100 percent of this year’s graduates
from both the Pocahontas County and Nicholas County Campus cohorts passed the state licensing exam on their first attempt.

“This initial testing passage rate has been our goal throughout the history of the program, and the faculty believes this is a true milestone in the development of New River’s nursing and allied health programs,” commented Joyce Egnor, RN, MSN, director of the program. She noted that nationally, the average passing rate for practical nursing graduates on the first attempt is around 85 percent.

The Pocahontas County cohort graduates are Melonie Gibson and Lori Simmons of Marlinton; Hollie Goldizen of Buckeye; and Michelle Workman of Hillsboro.

Graduates from the Nicholas County Campus are Mildred Bailes of Summersville; Amber Boggs of Fenwick; Steven Dent of Fayetteville; Karen Dillon of Tioga; Temper Hancock of Mt. Nebo; Jenny Irvin of Danese; Jessica Kiss of Summersville; Holly Mullens of Nettie; Luchanne Rockhold of Craigsville; Cassie Selbe of Mt. Lookout; and Kristina Tenney of Carl.

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. Applications are now being accepted for the Nicholas County Cohort and the newly created Clay County Cohort. Interested applicants may need to take prerequisite courses during New River’s spring semester, which begins January 19.

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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