New River Accepting Applications for Pocahontas County Cohort of Practical Nursing Program

[MARLINTON, WV] New River Community and Technical College is now accepting applications for the Pocahontas County cohort of its School of Practical Nursing. The deadline to apply is November 16. Classes begin in late May 2010. Applicants should take any needed prerequisite courses during New River’s spring semester beginning in January.
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.

Mary Walkup, RN, of Buckeye coordinates the Pocahontas County cohort. She explained that classes are taught at Pocahontas County High School, and students do their clinical rotations at Pocahontas County Memorial Hospital, Pocahontas Center and Greenbrier Valley Medical Center. Four students are enrolled this year, but the goal is to increase enrollment next year.

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).

For further information, contact Walkup at (304) 799-7339 (school) or (304) 799-4546 (home).

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