



# Eastern-in-the-News



## 2010 SPRING SEMESTER REGISTRATION UP & RUNNING AT EASTERN

**Moorefield, WV – Jan 7** - Open registration for spring semester, 2010, continues at Eastern WV Community & Technical College through January 15, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. (The college will close Monday, January 18, to observe Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. For a small fee, students may make a late registration from January 19 - 22.) Classes start Tuesday, January 19.

"We've had a busy registration week already, and many classes are filling up," said Monica See, Eastern's Associate Director of Admissions. As an open admission college, Eastern enrolls as regular students anyone who has graduated from high school or completed GED requirements.

"We have lots of fulltime students, and lots of part-time learners, and we're offering many evening and online classes again this spring," she noted. "So folks who work during the day, or take care of their families, can still sign up for as many classes as they want to fit into their schedule."

Individuals who have not graduated from high school, nor completed GED requirements, may also register as "conditional students" at Eastern if the Student Support Services unit determines that they will benefit from college level work.

For more information about registration, financial aid opportunities, and Eastern's programs of study and student support services, all learners—whether recent high school graduates or adults who have been away from school—should visit the college's Moorefield offices at 316 Eastern Drive (the first working east of

Route 220 on Corridor H). They can also check the college's website—["www.eastern.wvnet.edu"](http://www.eastern.wvnet.edu)—or call 434-8000 (and toll free: 877-982-2322).

"We expect to see continuing high enrollment this year," said Patty Goldizen, Eastern's Student Support Program Coordinator. Last fall, the number of fulltime applicants enrolling as first-year students at Eastern rose more than 50-percent, as compared with the previous year. And first-year part-time student registration increased more than 20-percent.

"Displaced workers in a hurting economy may need to go back to school for new training or upgraded skills," Goldizen said. "And to make ends meet in hard times, families may decide they need two bread-winners in the household, so we're seeing a lot of homemakers come back for college learning too."

The local college-going surge reflects statewide and national trends too.

"Fortunately, we can still find ways to provide financial assistance to students who might have doubted that they could ever go to college," said Amanda Sites, Eastern's Director of Financial Aid. "Come in and talk with us—you might be surprised at just how affordable college can be."

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