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## MAY 21 DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR EASTERN'S NURSING PROGRAM

Moorefield – May 3, 2010 - Area residents interested in studying Nursing to prepare for a career as a Registered Nurse (RN) may apply to a new nursing program in the Potomac Highlands. Eastern WV Community and Technical College will admit 20 students to its nursing class of 2012, with courses starting in the fall semester of 2010.

Until now, Southern WV Community and Technical College has provided the nursing program that held classes in Moorefield via Eastern's real-time video distance learning technology. Two classes of nurses graduated that program with their nursing degrees — one in 2005 and one in 2008 — and all graduates of both classes passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for their RN licenses within a few months of graduation.

"Our new program is modeled exactly on Southern's very successful one," said Deb Backus, Eastern's Academic Program Director for General Education & Instruction. "And we expect to see our 2012 graduates score that same 100-percent pass rate on the licensing exam." Eastern's two-year classroom and clinical training program leads to an Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing, and qualifies graduates to take the national exam.

Learners interested in the new nursing classes can pick up the necessary application at Eastern's Moorefield center at 316 Eastern Drive, off Corridor H about 2 miles east of Route 220; or online from Eastern's website ([www.easternwv.edu/v.php?pg=49](http://www.easternwv.edu/v.php?pg=49)). For

more information, call 304-434-8000; or toll-free: 877-982-2322.

Applicants must have achieved a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in all previous college courses, and all applications must include an official copy of transcript(s)—in sealed envelopes—from all colleges and universities attended, other than Eastern.

The admission process requires applicants to take the National League for Nursing (NLN) Pre-RN Entrance Exam. Testing will take place Friday, June 18, 2010 (time to be announced), in Eastern's Moorefield center. All applications must also include a check or money order payable to "EWVCTC" in the amount of \$55.00 for the non-refundable entrance exam registration fee.

"Students from this area have achieved an outstanding record of success in the RN training program previously offered by Southern here in Moorefield," said Robert 'Buck' Eagle, Eastern's Dean for Academics and Student Services. "Now, we're very excited to offer the nursing program under Eastern's own administration and instruction, and we look forward to continuing great success from our students going forward as well."

The WV Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses formally approved Eastern's new Nursing Program at its meeting in Charleston, March 18, 2010.

For more information about Eastern's financial aid opportunities, programs of study and workforce and community education, call toll free: 877-982-2322; or check the College's website: "[www.eastern.wvnet.edu](http://www.eastern.wvnet.edu)".

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