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NMMC TO LAUNCH NURSE MENTORSHIP ACADEMY

TUPELO, Miss.—North Mississippi Medical Center is seeking high school seniors from Lee and Itawamba counties for its Nurse Mentorship Academy, Jan. 18-Feb. 24.

Phase I of NMMC's Nurse Mentorship Academy will meet from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for six weeks. Tuesdays will be nursing education and mentoring. Thursdays will feature guest speakers, life skills and job shadowing. Participants will be provided a uniform (scrubs and lab jacket) and T-shirt.

Interested students should apply before Dec. 3 and must be 18 before May 31, 2011. Applications are available in high school guidance offices and the NMMC Employment Services Department, or by visiting www.nmhs.net/youth_programs.php. Twenty students will be selected to participate in the program.

Applicants must submit an application, 250-word essay, two letters of recommendation, high school transcript and ACT score (if applicable).

Participants who successfully complete Phase I of NMMC's Nurse Mentorship Academy advance to Phase II, which is Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training during the summer. Upon completion of the course, students are eligible to take the Certified Nursing Assistant examination. The program ends with a pinning ceremony and celebration at NMMC. Students who become certified are then employable in the field of nursing and are at a great advantage to succeed in an LPN or RN program of their choice.

The NMMC Nurse Mentorship Academy is made possible by grants from the Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi and the Bower Foundation. For more information, call (662) 377-3245 or (662) 377- 4179.