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**NMMC SUMMER HEALTH ACADEMY  
TO INTRODUCE YOUTH TO HEALTH CAREERS**

TUPELO, Miss.— North Mississippi Medical Center will host its eighth annual Summer Health Academy from 8 a.m.-noon June 7-11 .

Students who are interested in pursuing a health career and have completed the sixth, seventh or eighth grade are eligible. Participation is limited to 25 students who will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, community service and desire to enter a health profession. Students must also submit two letters of recommendation.

Application deadline is Friday, April 16.

NMMC's Summer Health Academy will introduce students to various careers in health care while reinforcing positive lifestyle choices. Participants will spend four hours each day with nurses and other health care professionals who are eager to share their expertise and enthusiasm.

Students will tour several nursing units at NMMC, as well as the Wellness Center. Because enrollment is limited, students will be able to interact one-on-one with nurses, physicians, radiologic technologists, pharmacists, physical therapists and other health care staff.

The fee for Summer Health Academy is \$50, which includes educational materials, a T-shirt, snacks and Friday lunch. Applications are available at area schools and by calling the NMMC Employment Services Department at (662) 377-3245 or 1-800-THE DESK (1-800-843-3375). Applications can also be downloaded from [www.nmhs.net/youth\\_programs.php](http://www.nmhs.net/youth_programs.php). Students who are selected to participate will be notified by May 3.

