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**NMMC-WEST POINT SUMMER HEALTH ACADEMY  
TO INTRODUCE YOUTH TO HEALTH CAREERS**

WEST POINT, Miss.— North Mississippi Medical Center-West Point will host its first Summer Health Academy from 8 a.m.-noon July 12-16.

Students who are interested in pursuing a health career and have completed the seventh or eighth grade are eligible. Participation is limited to 12 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 May 10.

NMMC-West Point'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, therapists and other health care professionals who are eager to share their expertise and enthusiasm.

Students will learn about various nursing specialties, diabetes, food and nutrition, sleep disorders, emergency medicine, rehabilitation services, surgery, anesthesia, laboratory, pharmacy and respiratory therapy. They will also tour the Wellness Center and ambulance, and learn lifesaving skills. Because enrollment is limited, students will be able to interact one-on-one with health care professionals.

The fee for Summer Health Academy is \$25, which includes educational materials, a T-shirt, snacks and Friday lunch. For an application or more information, call Anne Comer at NMMC-West Point, (662) 495-2141. Students who are selected to participate will be notified by May 31.