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New River’s Practical Nursing Program Reaccredited

[Summersville, W. Va.] The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses has approved continuation of full accreditation for the Practical Nursing Program at New River Community and Technical College. The board voted unanimously to continue accreditation until October of 2013.

Joyce Egnor, RN, MSN, director of New River’s nursing program, said that during the accreditation visit the executive director of the licensing board was particularly impressed with the pre-clinical classes being offered via the interactive video network. The nursing program is based on the Nicholas County Campus in Summersville, W. Va., and has cohorts in Clay County and Pocahontas County/Greenbrier Valley. New River’s is the first practical nursing program in West Virginia to use IVN technology to reach students in multiple locations.

“The nursing faculty is really excited that we can use this technology to share our expertise in different aspects of nursing with students at all of our locations,” commented visiting instructor of allied health Vanessa Bailey.
New River also partners with vocational programs in Greenbrier, McDowell and Summers counties to offer college credit for practical nursing programs offered through their vocational centers.

"With support from a state grant, New River has greatly expanded its nursing program over the past two years to help meet the growing demand for well trained professional health care workers in our region. This reaccreditation confirms that we have maintained the quality and integrity of our program even as we have made this training available to students in some of the state’s most rural counties," said New River President Ted D. Spring.

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