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## **POSITIONS OPEN AT GTCC IN POPULAR NURSING ASSISTANT I PROGRAM**

JAMESTOWN – Guilford Technical Community College is opening seven new Nursing Assistant I classes on Monday, Sept. 21, meaning that 140 students can immediately enroll in this popular program.

These classes are a response to the local and national need for training more nursing assistants, according to Brian Haderlie, dean of GTCC's Center for Business and Industry.

"We will continually be adding classes throughout the year, and applicants can check the school's website at [www.gtcc.edu](http://www.gtcc.edu) to find a class that fits their schedule," Haderlie said. Information about enrollment, which is possible five weekdays all year long, is available on-line at <http://www.gtcc.edu/programs/conEd/nursingAssistant/docs/schedule.pdf>. Potential applicants with questions about enrollment can call 336-334-4822, Ext. 4213.

The latest classes and others which will follow have been made possible by a \$200,000 grant announced earlier by the Piedmont Triad Partnership.

Haderlie said those funds make it possible for GTCC to fill its commitment to train 600 nursing assistants this year and another 800 in 2010.

Those enrolled in the Nursing Assistant I program at GTCC can become Certified Nursing Assistants and qualify to work in many health care settings, including hospitals, care facilities and private homes. This program is a prerequisite for other health care jobs.

Haderlie said that certified nursing assistants also will become involved in the Allied Health Career Pathway's Ladder in the Triad area each year. That program also is sponsored by the Piedmont Triad Partnership, he said.

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