

Blue Ridge Community College

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Blue Ridge Community College announces its upcoming classes for those interested in training for a career as a nurse aide. Nurse Aides work under the supervision of registered nurses and give care to patients in long-term care facilities, hospitals, and other health care settings. Day, evening, and weekend courses are available in Henderson and Transylvania Counties beginning in February, March, and April. The Nurse Aide program is taught by experienced nursing professionals and includes classroom and clinical instruction as well as CPR certification. New students must attend an information session and an orientation session to enter the program. Approximate cost of the program is \$222. Allied Health Coordinator Caren Hutchinson reported last week that job placement rate for those who complete the College's Nurse Aide Program is near 100%. Scholarships are available for those who qualify. For more information, contact Blue Ridge Community College at (828) 694-1750.

College financial aid officers and specialists will be available at Blue Ridge Community College Henderson County Campus on Saturday, February 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to help high school seniors and families complete and submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms online. This time is open to any student planning to attend any college. Completing the FAFSA form is a requirement to be considered for all federal and most state financial aid for college, including scholarships and grants. This year's statewide FAFSA Day is sponsored by College Foundation of North Carolina, the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and State Employees' Credit Union. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged and is available at CFNC.org/FAFSADay.

To be fully prepared to complete the FAFSA on February 18, participants should either file their 2011 federal taxes in advance or bring the following items: both the student's and parents' federal 1040 tax forms for 2011 (or W-2 forms and other income and asset documents if completed tax forms are not available); the student's and one parent's Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) obtained in advance from the U.S. Department of Education website, www.pin.ed.gov; and a FAFSA on the Web Worksheet with as much information entered as possible. The online Worksheet is available at www.fafsa.gov. For more information or to register by phone, call 866-866-CFNC toll-free.