Skills in Scranton Announces "Re-Entry into Nursing" Program

SCRANTON, PA, January 8, 2009— Austin J. Burke, President of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, announced an innovative RN recertification program at a media conference held on Thursday, January 8, 2009. The program will be offered through a partnership between Skills in Scranton, the business education partnership of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, Moses Taylor Hospital, Community Medical Center, Marian Community Hospital, Mercy Hospital, Allied Services, the Lackawanna County Workforce Investment Board and Luzerne County Community College. This part time curriculum consists of 60 classroom hours (at CMC) and 40 clinical hours (at participating hospitals.)

The program aims to recertify registered nurses within Lackawanna County who have left the field. One of the only of its kind in the country and the first of its kind in northeast Pennsylvania, this program will provide a convenient, low cost opportunity for qualified RNs to re-enter the field and local hospitals to recruit skilled workers. With tuition funding from the five participating hospitals along with a grant from the Workforce Investment Board of Lackawanna County, Skills in Scranton is able offer the course for $225 per participant. Tuition for the program is normally $1,100 per student.

“This partnership gives us the unique ability to offer this course at an affordable rate,” stated Mr. Burke, “The ‘Re-Entry into Nursing’ program directly addresses the hiring needs of our local hospitals as well as resulting in high paying careers for those who participate.”

An open house will be held at The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce on Monday, January 12 from 10:00am to 2:00pm for anyone interested in the program. Hospital representatives will be present to answer any and all questions. Classes will begin February 20 and will be held Fridays and Saturdays through May. To learn more, like how to register for the course, please contact Luzerne County Community College at 1-800-377-5222 ext. 495.

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