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### PTC to offer new (Proposed) LPN Mobility Program

PINE CITY, Minn. – Pending approval, Pine Technical College will offer a new program of study – a (Proposed) LPN Mobility Program– to start this fall, 2010. The program, designed for LPNs wishing to gain their RN credential, will be a full-time program and considered a “third year” of college when added to the college’s two-year Practical Nursing Diploma program.

“This program is something we’re very excited to offer,” says Heidi Thompson, Interim Director of the (Proposed) LPN Mobility Program. “This program will not only help to address the shortage of nurses in Minnesota’s East Central Region and western Wisconsin, but also bring more opportunity for advancement among our population of LPNs. Bringing this program to PTC has been hoped for and in the works for a while,” Thompson adds.

The program already has been approved by the Northern Association of Colleges and Schools/Higher Learning Commission, and PTC administration and faculty members anticipate it also will be approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing in June.

“We’re holding a mandatory information session for potential applicants on Wed. Mar. 17, and attending this information session is one of the criteria absolutely required to gain acceptance into the proposed program,” Thompson explains.

Applicants in attendance at the Mar. 17 information session will gain insight regarding expectations, prerequisites, the application process, time commitments and scheduling. Anyone interested in applying to the new (Proposed) LPN Mobility Program should reserve his or her seat by visiting:

<http://www.pinetech.edu/academics/catalog-and-programs/nursing-and-health-science/proposed-LPN-Mobility>

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