



ATC Spotlight

Wednesday ceremony to honor ATC nursing students



More than a dozen Athens Technical College students have completed their practical nursing course work and will celebrate earning their diplomas Wednesday, December 14, in a special ceremony at the ATC Auditorium in Athens.

ATC faculty and administrators will honor the 14 practical nursing students from the Class of 2011 at a 6 p.m. Pinning Ceremony that will include a recitation of the Florence Nightingale Pledge, a ceremonial Lighting of the Lamps, and presentation of diplomas.

The program will include guest speaker Charlene Summerfield, interim director of the Hart County Hospital's emergency room. Summerfield began her nursing career as a licensed practical nurse and practiced as an LPN for 17 years. She attended Tri County Technical College where she earned her registered nurse associate's degree and has practiced as an RN for 13 years. She has been with Hart County Hospital for 23 years and worked in the emergency room for nearly half those years.

Wednesday evening, after receiving their diplomas, each of the Athens Tech students will be qualified to take a state exam required to earn status as a licensed practical nurse, said Andraa Perrin, program chair for the ATC practical nursing curriculum.

"They have completed all of the educational requirements from both ATC and the state Board of Nurses to take the state Board of Nurses Practical Nursing Exam," Perrin said. "Once the candidates have successfully passed the exam, they will then have the title of licensed practical nurse."

The students being honored December 14 include: Heather Barrow, Cortney Barton, Jennifer Burt, Kimberly Carnes, Patricia Chavez, Hapy Dove, Cindy Lopez-Galindo, Terri Hatton, Earl Jackson Sr., Krystal Osborne, Dannielle Potter, Paula Radford, Michael Rice and Claudette Stephenson.

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