

**FutureMakers Coalition**



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**Learn how to begin a career in health care at informational event**

*Numerous local openings for Certified Nursing Assistants and tuition assistance available*

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Jan. 12, 2016) – CareerSource Southwest Florida, Lee Memorial Health System, Fort Myers Technical College and the Southwest Florida Community Foundation – all FutureMakers Coalition partners – are teaming up to hold an informational event for prospective students to learn about careers as Certified Nursing Assistants.

The event will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 19 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at CareerSource Southwest Florida, located at 4150 Ford Street Extension in Fort Myers.

Anyone interested in getting a start with a career in health care is encouraged to attend. The goal is to find interested students and get their tuition and related fees paid for so that they are ready for a new career in just one year.

Careers in health care continue to be in high demand, and CNAs benefit from tremendous opportunities with leading organizations, such as Lee Memorial Health System, that offer high wages as well as benefits such as insurance, vacation and tuition assistance for continuing education, according to Tessa LeSage, director of social innovation and sustainability for the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, the backbone organization of the FutureMakers Coalition. “This is a perfect example of how these FutureMakers Coalition partners are working together to create greater opportunities throughout the region,” LeSage said.

“We currently have numerous openings for CNAs at Lee Memorial Health System,” said Jon Cecil, chief human resources officer at Lee Memorial Health System. “We have a great need for responsible, caring and compassionate CNAs to work with our patients across Southwest Florida.”

Representatives and recruiters from LMHS, CareerSource and FMTC will be on hand to explore career options and discuss CNA qualifications, tuition assistance and scholarship opportunities with prospective candidates.

“This event is a great opportunity for individuals to come in and sit down with a Lee Memorial representative and explore career options,” said Amy Furlow, CareerSource Southwest Florida’s center supervisor. “What a great way to start out 2016 with an opportunity to start a health care career with our area’s number one health care provider. Lee Memorial Health System is truly an Employer of Choice,” said Furlow.

“We are actively seeking candidates to join our team as soon as they graduate with their CNA credentials,” added Cecil.

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