

February 15, 2017

Dear High School Student and Grandparent/Adult Family Member,

You are invited to participate in an exciting nursing Summer Camp, "**Generation Link to Learn about Nursing**" which will be held June 14 & 15. We are eager to offer this experience to high school students who intend to pursue a career in nursing. You are encouraged to bring your grandparent or 1 adult family member with you for activities the 1st day, so that you can both learn about nursing and develop a shared story of success for your future.

The profession of nursing is an exciting career choice for many young adults. Did you know that by the year 2020, 340,000 new nurses will be needed? This is partly due to the recent healthcare reform which will provide 32 million Americans with access to primary healthcare who have not had healthcare access in the past. Nurses are needed in both urban and rural areas to help people of all ages regarding healthcare. This is a great time to explore the profession of nursing!

This summer camp will offer numerous hands-on activities designed to enhance your knowledge of the nursing profession as you begin to think about your career. These activities will include first aid, health assessment and computerized simulation. In addition, you will be paired with a mentor who will take the time to help you explore career options. This mentor will also meet with you this fall and will provide support and encouragement to you as you think about a career in nursing.

As a student, you will stay in the dorm for 1 night. One grandparent or adult family member may also stay in the dorm or join you in the 1st day of activities. This will provide an opportunity for you and an adult family member to experience campus life and develop an understanding of what nursing education is all about.

To apply, please submit an application along with two Teacher Recommendation forms and mail to UNMC College of Nursing, 1601 E 27th Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361, ATTN: Bobbi Hartshorn. Completed applications must be postmarked by May 12, 2017. Or, you may also email your application packet to bhartsho@unmc.edu. Please obtain recommendations from current teachers who can attest to your skills and potential. We will be accepting up to 24 participants for this camp. Application packets will be available through your school counselor and at <http://np-ahec.org/>. You will be notified via email of your acceptance by May 19, 2017.

Most activities will occur at the College of Nursing, Harms Advanced Technology building, 2620 College Park with housing just across the street in the WNCC Community College dormitories. Transportation will be provided for scheduled off-campus activities. A UNMC representative will accompany you at all times. Detailed contact information for the UNMC College of Nursing will be made available upon your acceptance.

This camp is being funded by a Health Resources & Services Administration grant. Therefore, there is no cost to you other than travel expenses to and from the camp and discretionary cash for vending machines.

If you have any questions, please contact Bobbi Hartshorn at bharsho@unmc.edu, 308-632-0410. Thank you for your interest in this camp. We are excited to offer this amazing opportunity!

Sincerely,

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