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**REGISTRATION FOR EASTERN'S SPRING SEMESTER ONGOING NOW**

Learners interested in taking college classes locally next spring can explore financial aid opportunities and get admissions and program counseling during regular working hours at Eastern WV Community & Technical College. Open registration for all spring semester 2008 classes—and for all of Eastern's access centers—continues at the college's Moorefield center, east of town on state road 55, through December 21, and starts up again January 2 after the holiday break. January 11 is the last day that students may enroll for spring classes.

On December 18, and January 7 and 8, the college will hold special "new student orientation and registration sessions free of charge for anyone thinking about taking classes at Eastern," said Cindy Drumm, Eastern's Learners Support Counselor. "To fit everybody's needs, we'll have both morning and evening sessions," she emphasized, "and we require all new students to attend at least one orientation session." Drumm said the college prefers that students make reservations for those sessions as early as possible.

For more information about Eastern's financial aid opportunities, programs of study and registration, and to reserve a place at one of the orientation sessions, call Patty Goldizen at 304-434-8000, or toll free, 877-982-2322.

Because of the busy holiday schedule, students needing guidance for financial aid or registration should call the college and set an appointment to meet with Eastern staff in Moorefield as soon as they can, said Monica See, the college's Associate Director of Admissions. "We want to make sure that students register for the classes that best suit their learning goals and provide them with a path through college designed for their individual success," she said.

"Starting off at the right level that is consistent with an individual's knowledge and skills is very important," agreed Drumm. Students who have already taken a college level math or English class, for example, or who have taken the SAT or ACT exam, might not need to register in an introductory level class. "They might even get credit for work they've already done," she said.

"Also, many of our learners have been away from formal schooling for a good many years," Drumm added, "and for them, taking a refresher or review class at the outset sometimes offers the best route to college success."

The college continues to expand its offerings of online classes, and has scheduled mandatory orientation classes for online students January 7, 8 and 9.

For a complete calendar of orientation and registration dates, students can consult Eastern's spring 2008 class schedule, available at businesses, stores, government and professional offices, libraries and schools throughout the Potomac Highlands. The college's webpage, [www.eastern.wvnet.edu](http://www.eastern.wvnet.edu), also provides links to the schedule.

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