



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL



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Annual health career symposium draws 80 local students to NHH

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Tuesday, November 29, 2011 – Local high school students interested in pursuing a career in the health care sector had an opportunity to learn first-hand about their many options on Monday, November 28th.

For the seventh year in a row, the Workforce Development Board (WDB) partnered with Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) to offer *Adventures in Healthcare*, a popular career symposium attended this year by eighty students. Schools from both the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board and the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Clarington Catholic District School Board participated, including Cobourg District Collegiate Institute East, Cobourg District Collegiate Institute West, St. Mary's Secondary School, Campbellford District High School, East Northumberland Secondary School, Holy Trinity, Clarington Central Secondary School and Bowmanville High School.

Offered to students in grades 11 and 12, the event allows those already considering a career in health to have an opportunity to make more informed career choices. Through an interactive presentations, a tour of the hospital and an opportunity to speak directly with a broad range of health practitioners, the students learn about the highlights and challenges of each particular career, the educational requirements, salary expectations and expected job market.

“Our team really enjoys this annual event,” said Elizabeth Vosburgh, Vice President, Human Resources and Quality at NHH. “It’s an opportunity to engage directly with youth in our community and a chance to inspire. NHH actively encourages students to pursue health career options. We offer a Health Professions Scholarship and, through partnerships with our local schools, we have a range of student programming throughout the year. We hope students will consider the hospital as part of their education, perhaps through a co-op program, or as a volunteer, and, hopefully, return here some day as a health professional.”

Echoing the goal to keep local students in the region, Anne Castle, Passport to Prosperity Coordinator with the WDB, said: “Students heard from a variety of health care professionals at this week’s event, including respiratory therapists, speech language pathologists, physicians and nurses. The WDB has identified the need for health professionals in our community, and it is our goal that students attending this event will become better informed about their local career options.”

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital – The Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto. The acute care hospital delivers a broad range of services, including emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, restorative/long-term care, rehabilitation, palliative care and obstetrical care. A variety of ambulatory care clinics are also offered at NHH. In addition to these, NHH also sponsors a Community Mental Health Centre and an Assertive Community Treatment Team. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs close to 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of the Central East LHIN. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca.

About the Workforce Development Board - Workforce Development Board (WDB) is a community based, not-for-profit corporation that serves the cities of Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes and the counties of Northumberland, Peterborough and Haliburton. It works with the community to identify trends and opportunities in the labour market environment which impact our workforce. Through community partnerships, WDB works to nurture new ideas which address these issues and help prepare our community to thrive in our local economy. For more information, please visit www.wdb.ca