FKCC APPROVED TO OFFER NEW CERTIFIED ASSISTANT NURSE (CNA) TRAINING PROGRAM
First Class Begins This Summer. Apply By April 25th.

(Key West, FL)--Florida Keys Community College has expanded its Allied Health programs to include a new Certified Nursing Assistant, C.N.A. training program. The College currently offers degree and certificates programs to prepare registered nurses, emergency medical technicians, addictions counselors.

The need for dependable bedside nursing care is as critical as ever, ranging from hospitals to home health agencies to long-term care facilities. According to a report released by the American Hospital Association reported in 2006, that U.S. hospitals needed approximately 118,000 RNs to fill vacant positions nationwide. This translates into a national RN vacancy rate of 8.5%. It is also estimated that the shortage of registered nurses will increase to 340,000 by the year 2020.

“Given the great demand for health care workers, the C.N.A. program will play an important role; providing basic care while ensuring the safety and comfort of patients,” remarked Allied Health Program Director, Michael Tomak.

The C.N.A. program is a 165-hour certificate program which was approved by the Florida Department of Education, Board of Nursing just this month, will be offered three times a year. The classroom instruction will include an introduction to healthcare, basic nursing skills, body structure and function, infection control and the job-seeking process. Students will also participate in supervised clinical procedures. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be prepared to sit for the Florida licensing examination.

To apply for admission to the program, students must provide a high school transcript or GED equivalent; proof of immunization for measles, mumps, rubella and tetanus/diphtheria as described in the FKCC Immunization Policy; a drug screening; a completed CNA application with a $20.00 application fee (a money order paid to Florida Keys Community College) and completion of all healthcare safety requirements before entering clinical courses.

Applications to the C.N.A Program are due nor before April 25th for the summer class. For more information and application information, call 305-809-3268. View the college website at fkcc.edu.