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#### **Career Opportunities**

Available positions include:

Registered Nurses Licensed Practical Nurses Psychiatric Aides Administrative Coordinators Social Workers Psychologists





# Central Louisiana State Hospital

#### Benefits include:

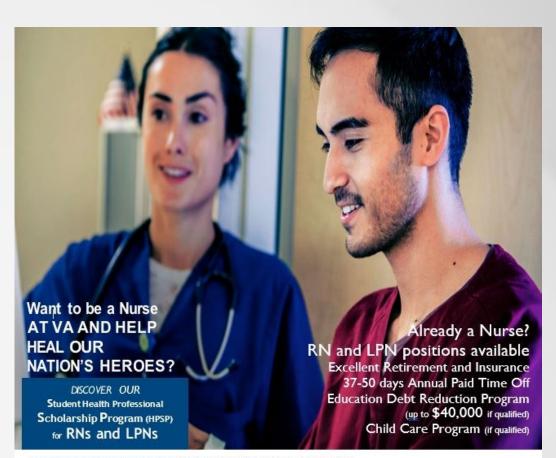
Special Entry Rate of Pay (Recently updated for RN's/LPN's) Retirement Health Insurance/Other Insurance Paid Holidays Sick Leave & Personal Leave

# Come join our TEAM!



For more info visit

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To find out more about these opportunities contact:

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If you are interested in applying for HPSP Scholarship, please "APPLY HERE" Or use the QR Code









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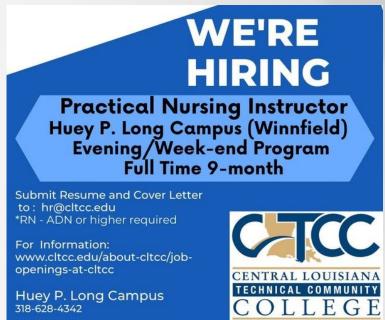
Rapides Parish School Board is Hiring!

To view the full list of

RPSB employment opportunities,
scan the QR code that you see or click here.



RESCHEDULED FOR January 19, 2023 -- The DCFS Alexandria Hiring fair originally scheduled for December 1 has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 PM at Rapides American Job Center, 5610-B Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria LA.



Be a part of CLTCC Family! Click here to apply and view more CLTCC Job openings!



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### **Community Events**





### **Education & Employment Training**



#### Alexandria EMT Class - January 9, 2022, 8:00 AM

The traditional EMT program is a hybrid course. Students will be able to complete the academic elements of the course online and will spend approximately 70 hours in a classroom learning hands-on skills. It will take about 4 months to complete all courses and earn a certificate. Before registering for a class, make sure to review the EMT packet for important course information.

To learn more or to register for the class, click here.





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### **Community Food Service**

# Free After-school Meals

Who: All Children 18 and under
Where: Robertson Branch Library
Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m.
When: Monday-Friday (Closed on Major Holidays)
Contact: (318) 445-2773
\*\*\*Activities, arts and crafts, and games\*\*\*\*



Rapides Parish Library has partnered with the Food Bank of Central Louisiana for an after-school feeding program. Robertson Branch is now serving meals from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm!

#### **Success Story**

#### CLTCC's I'Kiem Billups named 2022 LAPCAE Student of the Year

Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC) student l'Kiem Billups has been named the 2022 Student of the Year by the Louisiana Association for Public, Community and Adult Education (LAPCAE). He will be officially recognized during the organization's annual conference November 7-8 at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center in Baton Rouge.

"This really means a lot to me," Billups said. "I put everything I have into what I'm doing. To get recognized is just amazing." Billups entered CLTCC as an Adult Education Program student who also dual enrolled in welding classes. He earned his HiSET high school equivalency certificate in April and entered the welding program last spring using CLTCC's 'Five for Six Scholarship Program', where he is now a full-time welding student. He has two semesters of work remaining to earn his two-year degree in welding.



I'Kiem Billups and Rose Kerry Photo Credit: CLTCC

CLTCC instructor Rose Kerry nominated Billups for the award. "I chose to nominate I'Kiem because when I learned his story — he has been through tremendous tragedy," she said. The oldest of four children, Billups lost the man who raised him and soon after dropped out of high school at 17. "He knew what he wanted. He wanted to help his mom and take some of the load off of her. I told him what he needed to do, and he did it," Kerry said. "For class, he's the first one there. He helps other students. I haven't had a student his age persevere over the obstacles he has faced."

CLTCC Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Sawtelle noted Billup's success story highlights the reason the school offers adult education classes and programs like the Five for Six Scholarship Program. "Sometimes life gives us challenges that are beyond our control that force us to take a different path," Sawtelle said.

For information about enrollment at CLTCC in their free high school equivalency program contact the school via email at info@cltcc.edu or call (800) 278-9855.

Source: Jeff Johnson, Director of Adult Education

Workforce

The negative effects of prolonged exposure to cold can take on several forms. These conditions — sometimes collectively referred to as "cold stress" — can be exacerbated for workers who perform physical tasks outdoors, as the body has to work harder to stay warm.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.4 percent), adult women (3.3 percent), teenagers (11.3 percent), Whites (3.2 percent), Blacks (5.7 percent), Asians (2.7 percent), and Hispanics (3.9 percent) showed little or no change over the month.

Sources: BLS Dec. 2022 & The Hanover

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