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School for Nurse Aide Training to open next month

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FAIRBORN – Looking for a job change? Need a good job but don't have a high school diploma? Want to be a nurse or childcare worker? In January, The School for Nurse Aide Training, Inc., will begin shuffling students through its doors in Fairborn and onto their career path.

Sisters Debra Davis, BSN, RN, and Kathleen Baker, MSN, RN, are already accepting applications for the school, located at 728 West Main St. Classes begin in January.

Two programs will cater to three types of students. The nurse aide program is for those who either want to work in home care, nursing homes, or hospitals, or for those that would like to become an RN.

That program is a 75-hour, two-week set of courses that prepares students to take the state of Ohio examination to work in long-term care facilities. Davis said this is the same program required for entry into local nursing programs like those at Clark State Community College, Sinclair Community College, and Kettering College of Medical Arts.

Davis said the nurse aid jobs are "readily available, and the demand will only go up. It's completely overwhelmed the system as it is." She said the only requirement for the program is that you are at least 16 years old. "This is a great program if you are a caring person and like to care for people," she added.

The second program offers childcare workers a chance to take the six hours of classes mandated by the state of Ohio, including communicable disease, first aid, and child abuse and neglect. Basic life support classes will also be offered each month.

The sisters are not only the owners of the school, but the teachers, too. Each have 30 years of healthcare experience and backgrounds in education. Davis was a teacher in Sinclair's nursing program, and Baker started and taught at The Community Hospital School of Nursing, in Springfield. "As nurses, we were educators anyway," said Davis, "teaching patients about different medications and interactions, and training our staff on equipment."

The cost for the nurse aide program is \$595, including books, and the childcare classes are \$60. A childcare refresher course required by the state every two years will cost \$30. Davis said financial aid may be available once classes begin. Once they do, new classes will start every three weeks. To register, call the school at (937) 878-8890 or email info@snat-ohio.com. Applications are also available on the web page, at www.snat-ohio.com.

"Come on," encouraged Davis, "there's no waiting list. That's a big draw. They can get in, get their education, and get on with work or school."

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