

STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

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A status update on Northern Pennsylvania Regional College, a two-year associate degree- granting institution supported by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. NPRC proudly serves students in Cameron, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, McKean, Potter, Warren, and Venango Counties.

Beginning with the Spring term of 2020, NPRC will operate as an independent institution, authorized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to grant associate degrees and certificates as of May 2019.

In January 2020, the Board of Trustees will announce the installation of new Trustees, renewal of returning Trustees, and the Board Officers for the next year.

NPRC continues to make progress in its application for candidacy for regional accreditation. In September, the college submitted its application for pre-candidacy, which is currently under review. Northern Pennsylvania Regional College, in collaboration with Pitt Titusville and Manchester Bidwell Corp., has agreed to provide education and job-training programs at a Titusville hub that will also be home to two Pitt associate degree programs in nursing and physical therapist assistant. NPRC will be offering associate degree programs in interdisciplinary studies, business administration, criminal justice, social sciences, and early childhood education/early intervention; certificate programs; and a general studies certificate for aspiring nursing and physical therapy assistant students. NPRC is finalizing a contract for tutoring services for students. More details will be available once the contract is signed.

The college currently employs 27 faculty and professional staff, including four full-time instructional faculty in humanities, science, technology, and education. The Identification and orientation of adjunct instructional faculty is ongoing.

NPRC's <u>Spring schedule</u> includes 25 different academic courses offered at 28 locations across the ninecounty service area.

<u>Workforce development classes</u> are offered in Elk, Erie, and Warren counties in Commercial Truck Driving, Powder Metal, Emergency Medical Responder, and Communication Linework.

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