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## ***SLVHCS hosts nursing career fair in New Orleans***

NEW ORLEANS – Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System will be hosting a nursing career fair from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at the SLVHCS auditorium located at 2400 Canal Street in New Orleans.

Throughout the event, SLVHCS Human Resources specialists will share information about current and upcoming vacancies within the nursing field and how to apply for positions as SLVHCS prepares to open its new 1.6 million sq. ft. medical center in Mid-City New Orleans.

“Our mission is of national importance and we need highly qualified health care professionals to join our team,” Fernando O. Rivera, SLVHCS Medical Center director, said. “Having a fully staffed Nursing Service is vital to our success.”

Program representatives will be available to answer questions and provide information about the type of jobs available. A VA for Vets coordinator will also be on site to help Veterans apply for positions through special hiring authorities. There is minimal parking onsite at this time for visitors to the building; however, the building is on the streetcar and bus route.

The new medical center will serve as a model for health care of the future and set the standards for patient-centered care, flexibility and sustainability. It will be a 200-bed, tertiary care regional referral center on a 30-acre site. The facility has been designed to meet the full array of VA missions: health care to America's heroes, education, research and national preparedness. It will authentically reflect the culture of the region and be the cornerstone for the emerging biosciences industry in New Orleans. Construction of the medical center is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2016 with the first patient expected to be seen there in December.

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