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A mobile computer lab rolled up in to the parking lot at the Academy at Nola Dunn this morning to teach basic computer skills to those who had registered for the class.

The class included instruction on the essentials of navigating a personal computer. The students who participated in today's class were there for a variety of reasons. Some wanted to gain computer skills to help them in their jobs, others wanted to learn how better to use their home computers.

Marc Marchand, director of library services for the City of Burleson, taught the two-hour class, which was the first actual class ever taught in the Workforce Solutions of Cleburne mobile computer lab, a large RV-like vehicle with a computer classroom inside.

The North Central Texas Mobile Workforce Unit is a 38-foot vehicle outfitted with 13 computer stations and a professional presentation system. With a satellite internet system, clients can search for jobs, improve their resumes and receive training wherever needed.

"The best part of a class such as this is building relationships with the students and seeing them get excited about learning new skills," Marchand said. "Today's class was also the beginning of a wonderful relationship between the Burleson Public Library and Workforce Solutions. We share a common goal of removing barriers to help people in our community get the skills they need to do the things they want to do in order to better their lives. When we put our tools and know-how together, great things like this can happen."

Upcoming classes are slated for February 21 (Tuesday), March 28 (Friday), April 22 (Tuesday) and May 23 (Friday). Times are 10 a.m.-12 p.m. To register for the classes, call Dori Burdine, Workforce Solutions – Cleburne, at 817-558-6983, extension 3700. Space is limited. Please leave your name, the spelling of your name, your phone number, and that you are calling for placement in the class.