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2025 IS QUICKLY COMING TO A CLOSE!

Wishing you all the best of luck in the final few weeks of the semester!

As the semester comes to an end, we're officially wrapping up 2025 and looking ahead to an exciting new year! There's still time to apply for the Spring 2026 PATH Grant, and applications for our health professions programs will remain open until March 1, 2026.

Be sure to explore the Foundation Scholarship opportunities for the 2026–2027 academic year. Applications open December 5, 2025 and close February 5, 2026. Don't miss your chance to apply!

Best of luck on your finals! Check out the study tips on page 5 to help you finish the semester with confidence. We hope you enjoy a restful and joyful holiday break.

Please note that IVCC will be closed December 19, 2025–January 1, 2026. **Spring 2026 classes begin Friday, January 9.**

Happy Holidays!



December 2025

Events



On-Campus

IVCC Choir Holiday Concert

December 1st | 7:00pm–9:00pm
Cultural Centre

Jazz Ensemble Holiday Concert

December 2nd | 7:00pm–9:00pm
Cultural Centre

Wind Ensemble Holiday Concert

December 4th | 7:00pm–9:00pm
Cultural Centre

Dental Hygiene White Coat Ceremony

December 12th | 5:00pm–6:30pm

College Closed

December 19th – January 1st

Spring Classes Begin

January 9th

Nursing Info Session

The next Nursing Information Session will be held virtually on January 27th from 3:00pm–4:00pm. **Register Now!**

Upcoming Local Events

- [Chris Kringle Market in Ottawa](#)
- [LaSalle Celebration of Lights](#)
- [LaSalle Celebration of Lights Carriage Rides](#)
- [LaSalle Miracle on First Street \(Dec 6\)](#)
- [Holiday Magic Parade in Marseilles \(Dec 6\)](#)
- [Christkindlmarket in LaSalle \(Dec 9–10\)](#)

Health Professions

Dean: Heather_Seghi@ivcc.edu

Administrative Assistant: Kelli_Shan@ivcc.edu

Director of Nursing: Sue_Smith@ivcc.edu

www.ivcc.edu/healthprofessions

Applications:



THE PATH GRANT

Apply by **January 5, 2026**. Students must be enrolled in a PATH-approved credit-based program for Spring 2026 to qualify.

APPLY NOW



NONCREDIT PATH GRANT

Apply by **January 30, 2026**. Students must be interested in enrolling in a noncredit, path-approved program.

APPLY NOW



HEALTH PROFESSIONS

*Students interested in applying for a health professions program with a Fall 2026 start date, can apply now until **March 1, 2026!***

SEE PROGRAMS

Scholarship Opportunities:

Don't miss your chance to apply for Foundation Scholarships! The IVCC Foundation has awarded over \$1 million in scholarships over the last four years, with awards starting at \$500 and reaching up to \$4,500.

These scholarships span a wide range of academic disciplines – don't miss out!

The IVCC Foundation scholarship application for the 2026–27 academic year will open on Friday, December 5, 2025, with a **deadline of Thursday, February 5, 2026.**

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Donna Swiskoski at (815) 224-0551 or donna_swiskoski@ivcc.edu.



View Opportunities and Apply!

FOUNDATION
Illinois Valley Community College



IVCC Health Professions Programs are accepting applications for Fall 2026. **Apply today!**

HEALTH PROFESSIONS

APPLY BY MARCH 1ST FOR FALL '26 CONSIDERATION!



How to Apply:

- 1.If this is your first time attending IVCC, you must first create an account and **apply to IVCC**.
- 2.Returning students, log in to the **Application Management** and begin the application for your desired program.
- 3.Complete your application.
- 4.Visit the **Health Professions** website and find your program.
- 5.Select 'Learn More' under your program. This will lead you to your program page where you can see what additional requirements there are to finish your application.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

IVCC offers Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), EMS, and Paramedic options with associate degrees and certificates available.

Contact: nick_fish@ivcc.edu
815-224-0267

Dental Assisting

Complete in three semesters or one full year. After the completion of the required courses, you will receive a Certificate in Dental Assisting.

Contact: lyndsey_beetz@ivcc.edu
815-224-0632

Medical Assisting

IVCC's Medical Assisting Program takes one academic year, starting in the Fall and finishing with a Summer externship.

Contact: kaity_ritter@ivcc.edu
815-224-0274

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)

Complete in three semesters or nine months. After the completion of the required courses, you will receive a Certificate in Licensed Practical Nursing.

Contact: sue_smith@ivcc.edu
815-224-0489

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

IVCC's CNA Program is completed in 8 weeks and consists of a combination of theory and supervised clinical components for practical application.

Contact: sue_smith@ivcc.edu
815-224-0489

Dental Hygiene

Dental Hygiene is a two-year selective admissions program. Students must have completed an ADA-CODA Dental Assisting program to apply.

Contact: lyndsey_beetz@ivcc.edu
815-224-0632

Registered Nurse (RN)

The Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) prepares students to deliver nursing care in a variety of healthcare environments.

Contact: Sue_smith@ivcc.edu
815-224-0489

Phlebotomy

Complete in sixteen weeks. After the completion of the required courses, students will receive a Certificate in Phlebotomy from IVCC.

Contact: mary_greve@ivcc.edu
815-224-0485

Noncredit Career Training Programs:

Medical Billing and Coding • Pharmacy Technician • EKG Technician • Sterile Processing Technician • Patient Care Technician **Contact:** Lexis_buckley@ivcc.edu

Learn more about each program: [CLICK HERE](#) 

Local Career Opportunities



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MORRIS HOSPITAL

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INDEED POSTINGS

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Study Tips!



As finals approach, make sure to take advantage of IVCC's **Resources for Students** page! This helpful guide offers strategies for time management, note-taking, test preparation, and stress management. It also includes study tips, videos, and tools to support academic success. Explore resources tailored to diverse learning needs and create an effective study plan. Check it out [here](#) to make the most of your study sessions and finish strong!



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TEST-TAKING STRATEGIES



STUDY SKILLS

VISIT RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS PAGE
[HERE](#) TO ACCESS STUDENT RESOURCES!