



Commencement is Upon Us!



About 200 students are expected to take part in Illinois Valley Community College's 59th Annual Commencement at noon **Saturday, May 17**, in the gymnasium. The ceremony, which begins an hour earlier than in previous years, will feature keynote speaker and nursing alum Nicki McVey, along with student and administrative remarks.

Commencement Ceremony – Saturday, May 17

- Begins at noon in the IVCC gymnasium
- Keynote speaker: Nicki McVey, IVCC nursing graduate and philanthropist
- Remarks from Student Trustees Danica Scoma and Emma Garretson, and President Dr. Tracy Morris
- Paul Simon Student Essay winner Zixuan "Maggie" Yang to speak
- Reception follows the ceremony
- Live stream available at www.ivcc.edu/commencement

Additional Ceremonies

- Paramedic Graduation: 6 p.m., May 8, Cultural Centre and 6 p.m., July 31, Cultural Centre.
- Registered Nurse Pinning: 10 a.m., May 17, Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre
- Adult Education Recognition: 6 p.m., May 21, Cultural Centre
- Practical Nurse Pinning: 5 p.m., July 14, Cultural Centre
- Dental Assistant Pinning: 5 p.m., July 31, Cultural Centre

Congratulations!

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Upcoming Events

Final Exams Begin

May 1st | 3:00pm–9:30pm

Wind Ensemble Concert

May 1st | 7:00pm–8:30pm
Cultural Centre

Paramedics Graduation

May 8th | 6:00pm–7:30pm
Cultural Centre

Registered Nurse Pinning

May 17th | 10:00am–11:30am
Cultural Centre

2025 Commencement

May 17th | 12:00pm–3:00pm
IVCC Gymnasium

Memorial Day – College Closed

May 26th | ALL DAY

[See IVCC Student Events Calendar](#)



IVCC's Nursing Program Students showed up with cheerful hearts and work gloves, ready to serve! Nursing is not only about healthcare – but is also about caring for your community! We are so lucky to have Abigail Women's Center as an area resource for women and families! We spruced up their garden and had a great time. Thanks for having us.



SUMMER PATH GRANT APPLICATION

The Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare Workforce Program (PATH) is a state-funded grant aimed at expanding opportunities in nursing and healthcare fields, addressing workforce shortages.

- Financial assistance is based on need and fund availability, and is not guaranteed.
- Awards range from \$250-\$500 per semester, depending on available funds and applicants.
- Notices will be sent to your IVCC email by May 27th, 2025. Funds will be released after 10th-day attendance verification (dates vary by session).
- Students must set up a payment plan with the cashier before the verification date.
- **The application deadline for Summer 2025 is May 16th.**

APPLY NOW



Certified Nursing Assistant • Dental Hygiene • Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) • EMT-B • Paramedic • Certified Medical Assistant (CMA)

Visit www.ivcc.edu/path for more information!

Thank you!

Thank you to OSF for providing valuable learning experiences to Dr. Knoblauch's students! The group is incredibly grateful for the opportunity! They just completed their final clinical - ever. Congratulations to these future nurses as they get ready to celebrate commencement!



Local Career Opportunities



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OSF HealthCare is looking for RNs to join our team. With locations in Ottawa and Peru, you are sure to find your place at OSF HealthCare!

Benefits of working at OSF HealthCare:

- Sign on Bonus up to \$5,000 for new graduate nurses
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- Competitive pay
- RN Clinical Ladder program
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- 401k with \$1 per \$1 match on first 5% of salary
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- Supportive work environment with residency and mentoring programs

View all opportunities and benefits at www.osfcareers.org

Questions? Contact Clare Brust at clare.k.brust@osfhealthcare.org

**Nursing Instructor
Recognized for Teaching
Excellence at IVCC**



**Samantha Whitetaker, IVCC Nursing
Instructor**

Samantha Whiteaker of Arlington received IVCC's 2025 Stephen Charry Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence. She was praised by students for her compassion, mentorship, and focus on patient-centered care. Whiteaker, who has taught at IVCC since 2013, was honored April 3rd alongside fellow nominees.

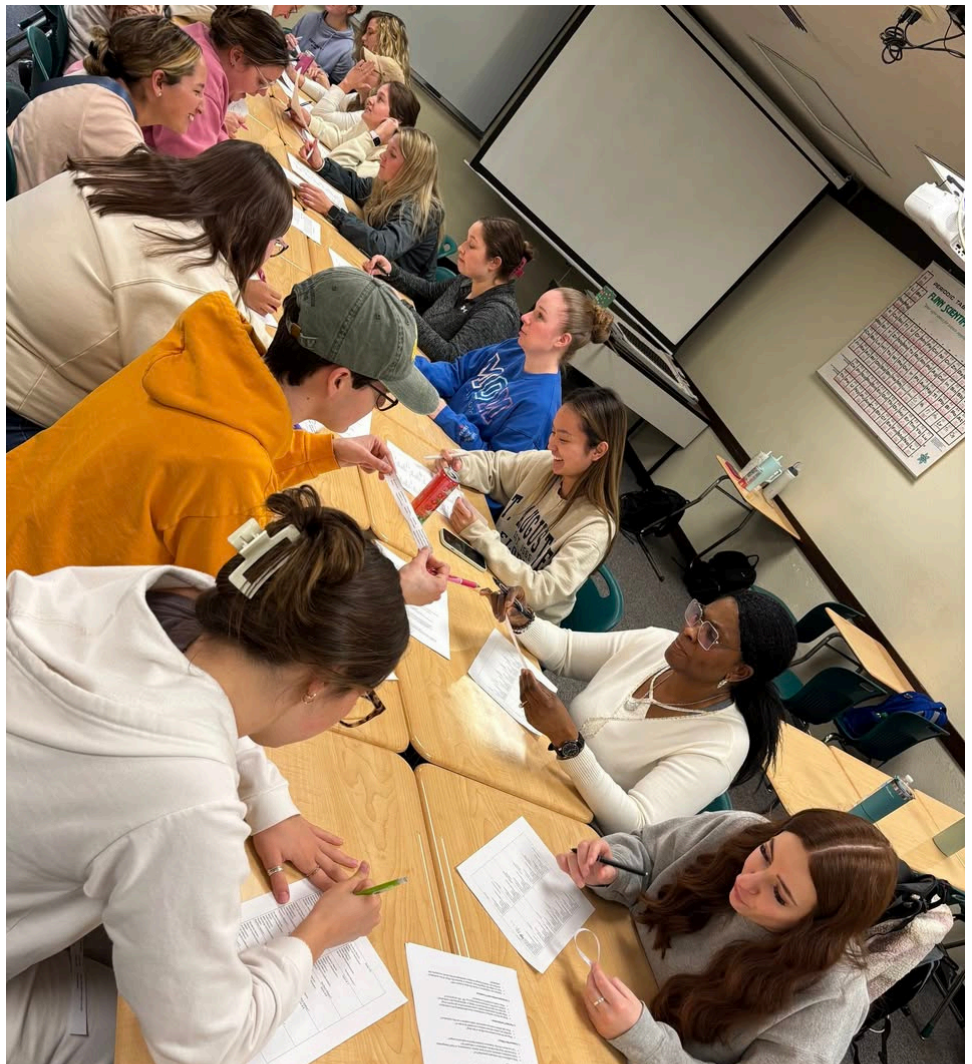
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National Dental Hygienist Week was the second week of April! Thank you to all the dental hygienists who are such an important role in keeping patients healthy and smiling - you're a vital part of every dental team!



Congratulations to Heather Seghi, Dean of Health Professions, and Lexis Buckley, Program Manager for Healthcare Accelerated Career Programs, on being named among the Illinois Valley Area Chamber's 40 Under 40 Professionals! Your leadership and dedication to advancing healthcare education continue to make a lasting impact!



Dr. Myers' NUR 2212 class participated in an anti-hypertension drug speed dating activity. The laughter, collaboration, and learning was priceless!



Dr. Myers' NUR 2212 class recently finished their final lecture and celebrated with a fun spirit day: **"Anything but a Cup!"** Students got creative by drinking out of vases, urinals, Foley bags, syringes, Bag Balm containers, and more. It was a unique and lighthearted way to mark the end of lecture. These students have worked incredibly hard and are well on their way to becoming excellent nurses!



Dr. Knoblauch's NUR 2212 students recently completed their final clinical. They gained so much knowledge and experience from their time with their "majesty." Clinicals were both challenging and rewarding under Dr. Knoblauch's guidance!

APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED FOR IVCC HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS FOR FALL 2025

- **Registered Nursing (RN)** – No longer accepting applicants
- **Emergency Medical Services (EMS)** – Accepting applicants with multiple start dates until all seats are full
- **Dental Hygiene** – No longer accepting applicants
- **Dental Assisting** – No longer accepting applicants
- **Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)** – No longer accepting applicants
- **Phlebotomy** – Accepting applicants until all seats are full
- **Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)** – Accepting applicants with multiple start dates until all seats are full
- **Medical Assisting** – Accepting applicants until all seats are full
- **Surgical Technician** – Not accepting Fall 2025 applications. The next cohort will begin Spring 2026 and applications will begin October 2025.
- **Career Training Programs:** Accepts applicants year-round. Online and self-paced. Explore the programs [here](#).

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.



KIDS DAY DENTAL CLINIC AT IVCC

FREE
SCHOOL
EXAM &
CLEANING



**Thursday, July 24th
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Appointments are 1 hour long. All services are FREE
(preventative services only). Call 815-224-0227
Please allow 3 business days for a reply!**



815 N Orlando Smith Rd, Oglesby



dentalhealthcenter@ivcc.edu



DENTAL HEALTH CENTER
DENTAL ASSISTING
& DENTAL HYGIENE
Illinois Valley Community College

Ages
13-17



SCRUBS!

TEEN CAREER CAMP AT IVCC

July 14-17
9:00am-12:00pm

Explore healthcare career paths and the education needed to reach your goals in this interactive, four-day camp focused on dental health, nursing, and EMS. Led by IVCC instructors, students will enjoy hands-on activities in our campus labs and gain real-world insight into in-demand medical careers. The camp includes a behind-the-scenes tour of OSF Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota.

Camp Days:

- ✓ Day 1: Nursing
- ✓ Day 2: Dental Health
- ✓ Day 3: Tour at **OSF**
HEALTHCARE
- ✓ Day 4: Emergency Medical Services



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815-224-0427



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