

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## 2024 IS QUICKLY COMING TO A CLOSE!

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

As the semester races to a close, we find ourselves in the final stretch of 2024! There's still time to apply for the Spring 2025 PATH Grant, and applications for our health professions programs remain open until March 1, 2025

We're excited to announce another section of the Surgical Technician program launching in February!

Best of luck on your finals—be sure to check out study tips on page 7 to finish the semester strong. Wishing you a wonderful holiday break, filled with rest and joy. A reminder that there are no classes from December 17 - January 1. Classes will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

## Happy Holidays!

# Events in December

| SUN                              | MON                | TUE                        | WED                            | THU   | FRI | SAT                 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----|---------------------|
| 1                                | 2<br>CHOIR CONCERT | 3<br>JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT | 4                              | 5<br>EVENING EXAMS<br>WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT | 6   | 7<br>SATURDAY EXAMS |
| 8                                | 9<br>DAY EXAMS     | 10                         | 11                             | 12  | 13  | 14                  |
| 15                               | 16                 | 17                         | HOLIDAY BREAK ; COLLEGE CLOSED |   |     |                     |
| 22                               | 23                 | 24                         | 25<br>HANUKKAH (1ST DAY)       | 26  | 27  | 28                  |
| HOLIDAY BREAK ; COLLEGE CLOSED ! |                    | CHRISTMAS EVE              | CHRISTMAS                      | KWANZAA (1ST DAY)                           |     |                     |
| 29                               | 30                 | 31                         | HOLIDAY BREAK ; COLLEGE CLOSED |   |     |                     |

**CHOIR CONCERT**

Cultural Centre  
12/2 @ 7:00-8:30PM

**JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

Cultural Centre  
12/3 @ 7:00 -8:30PM

**EVENING EXAMS**

IVCC Campus  
12/5

**WIND ENSEMBLE**

Cultural Centre  
12/5 @ 7:00-8:30PM

**SATURDAY EXAMS**

IVCC Campus  
12/7

**DAY EXAMS**

IVCC Campus  
12/9



**\*CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 2\***

## Looking for things to do in the community?

**CHRIS KRINGLE MARKET**

Ottawa - Weekends in December  
[LEARN MORE](#)

**MIRACLE ON FIRST ST**

LaSalle - Dec. 7th | 8:30am-3:30pm  
[LEARN MORE](#)

**A MENDOTA XMAS**

Mendota - Dec. 7th | 11am-2pm  
[LEARN MORE](#)

**MERRY ON MAIN**

Streator - Dec. 13th | 5:00-8:00pm  
[LEARN MORE](#)

**VISIT ROTARY PARK!**

LaSalle - Open 5-9pm nightly 'til 1/1  
[LEARN MORE](#)

**UTICA FIRE SANTA PARADE**

Utica - Dec. 21st | 6:00pm-7:30pm  
[LEARN MORE](#)

**RUN RUN RUDOLPH 5K**

Marseilles - Dec. 14th | 7:30am  
[LEARN MORE](#)

[Click here to see more local events!](#)



**DENTAL ASSISTING**  
Illinois Valley Community College

# FREE DENTAL CARE



## IVCC STUDENTS & STAFF

**CLEANINGS: NO COST**  
**OTHER TREATMENTS:**  
**NO COST**

## PUBLIC

**CLEANINGS: \$30**  
**OTHER TREATMENTS:**  
**NO COST**

**JANUARY 13 – MAY 5**

Located in the Dental Lab!

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

- Mondays
- Thursdays
- Fridays

**8:00AM–  
12:00PM**

## AVAILABLE SERVICES:



- **DENTAL EXAMS**
- **FLOURIDE TREATMENTS**



- **CLEANINGS**
- **SEALANTS**



- **X-RAYS**

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - SCHEDULE TODAY!**

Call 815-224-0227 or email [dentalhealthcenter@ivcc.edu](mailto:dentalhealthcenter@ivcc.edu)

*Please allow 3 business days for a reply!*





# HEALTH PROFESSIONS

APPLY BY MARCH 1ST FOR FALL '25 CONSIDERATION!

IVCC Health Professions Programs are accepting applications for Fall 2025. Apply today!



## 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](mailto:nick_fish@ivcc.edu)  
815-224-0267

### 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:** [christine\\_blaydes@ivcc.edu](mailto:christine_blaydes@ivcc.edu)  
815-224-0330

### 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](mailto:lyndsey_beetz@ivcc.edu)  
815-224-0632

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:kaity_ritter@ivcc.edu)  
815-224-0274

### 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](mailto:Sue_smith@ivcc.edu)  
815-224-0489

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:mary_greve@ivcc.edu)  
815-224-0485

### Noncredit Career Training Programs:

Contact: [Lexis\\_buckley@ivcc](mailto:Lexis_buckley@ivcc)

Medical Billing and Coding • Pharmacy Technician • EKG Technician • Sterile Processing Technician • Certified Medical Administrative Assistant • Certified Physical Therapy Aide • Patient Care Technician • Patient Access Representative

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

# Local Career Opportunities



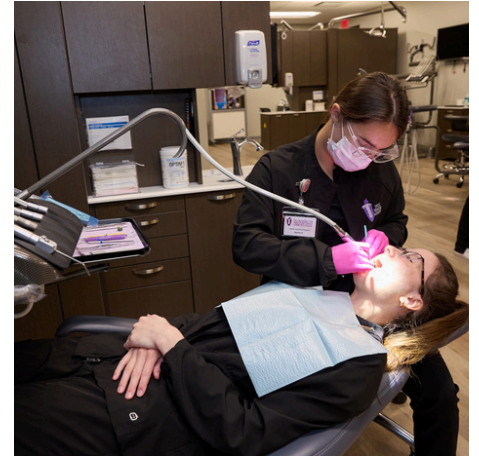
## OSF CAREERS

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## OTTAWA PAVILION

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## INDEED POSTINGS

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## CURRENT APPLICATIONS

visit [www.ivcc.edu/path](http://www.ivcc.edu/path)



### THE PATH GRANT

Apply by **December 19, 2024**. Students must be enrolled in a PATH-approved credit-based program for Spring 2025 to qualify.

[APPLY NOW](#)



### NONCREDIT PATH GRANT

Apply by **December 19, 2024**. 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 2025 start date, can apply now until **March 1, 2025!**

[SEE PROGRAMS](#)



# Surgical Technician

We are accepting applications for our Spring 2025 program. There are limited seats available. Students are eligible for the Noncredit Workforce Grant for 50% off.



Feb 11 - May 8 | Tues & Thurs  
6:00pm - 9:00pm

[LEARN MORE](#)

[www.ivcc.edu/enroll](http://www.ivcc.edu/enroll)

## STUDY TIPS TO HELP YOU SUCCEED!

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!

FOCUS ON TIME MANAGEMENT

TEST-TAKING STRATEGIES

STUDY SKILLS

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



Last days of clinical for Mrs. Legrenzi's NUR1200 groups. Thanks to OSF St.Paul for the great clinical!



Thank you SEMC for a great 8 week rotation. Dr. Knowlton's NUR 2201 students had an amazing experience!!



Follow **IVCC Nursing** on facebook to see the latest updates on students!