

HEALTH CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Happy Holidays from all of us here at Illinois Valley Community College!

As we find ourselves on the brink of the semester break, we extend our warmest congratulations to each and every one of you for successfully navigating through any challenges and triumphs this semester. Your dedication, resilience, and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and you have truly earned this well-deserved break!

This semester has undoubtedly demanded a great deal from each student, and it's inspiring to witness the commitment you've demonstrated in pursuing your healthcare education at IVCC. From late-night study sessions to hands-on clinical experiences, you've showcased a passion for the healthcare field that is both commendable and promising for the future. To our returning students, your perseverance is a testament to your character, and we encourage you to take his break as an opportunity to recharge and rejuvenate. Reflect on your achievements, no matter how small, and

appreciate the progress you've made on your healthcare journey.

As we applaud those who have successfully reached this point, we also extend a warm welcome to potential health career students considering joining the IVCC community. Your interest in pursuing a career in healthcare is a commendable choice, and we are excited about the prospect of welcoming new faces into our health careers family.

Wishing everyone a restful and joyous break as you prepare for the next phase of your educational journey.

“ WE ARE SO HAPPY YOU ARE A CURRENT OR POTENTIAL STUDENT AT IVCC. WE WISH THE MOST WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON. ”

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!



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Dr. Tracy Morris,
Illinois Valley Community College President

“Happy Holidays! This time of year is full of hustle and bustle—preparing for the holidays, wrapping up finals, looking ahead to spring classes. Thank you for taking the time to check in—all of us at IVCC are so thankful that



you have entrusted us with the next steps in your career journey. We are here to help you succeed - so please know that if you are in need of support for tutoring, food assistance, mental health support, or career planning, our team is here for you!

May 2024 bring you much happiness, good fortune, and fantastic learning opportunities!” - Dr. Morris

Illinois Valley Community College is Turning 100!

IVCC will mark its centennial milestone in April 2024, and we plan to celebrate throughout the entire year with 100 special events! To kick off this year-long celebration, we invite you to participate in spreading kindness. Our motto this December is "100 Acts of Kindness for 100 Years of Excellence."



IVCC 100

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LEARN MORE

Events in December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 CHOIR CONCERT	5 EVENING EXAMS JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT	6 EVENING EXAMS	7 DAY AND EVENING EXAMS WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT HANUKKAH (1ST DAY)	8 DAY EXAMS	9 SATURDAY EXAMS
10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Jingle All the Way</i> 7:30-9:30PM	16 <i>Jingle All the Way</i> 7:30-9:30PM
17 <i>Jingle All the Way</i> 2:00-4:00 PM	18	19	HOLIDAY BREAK BEGINS; COLLEGE CLOSED!			
24 CHRISTMAS EVE	HOLIDAY BREAK; COLLEGE CLOSED!					
31 NYE	25 CHRISTMAS	26 KWANZAA (1ST DAY)	27	28	29	30

CHOIR CONCERT

Cultural Centre
12/4 @ 7:00-8:00PM

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Cultural Centre
12/5 @ 7:00 -10:00PM

EVENING EXAMS

Main Campus & Ottawa Center
12/5 and 12/6

PIANO & GUITAR

Cultural Centre- student musical
12/6 @ 7:00 - 9:00PM

WIND ENSEMBLE

Cultural Centre
12/7 @ 7:00-10:00PM

ALL DAY EXAMS

Main Campus & Ottawa Center
12/7 and 12/11

DAY EXAMS

Main Campus & Ottawa Center
12/8 and 12/12

HAPPY
Holidays

college closed
12/20 - 1/1

CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 2

JOIN US

Jingle All the Way

\$15.00 Adult Ticket
\$10.00 Child Ticket

FREE ADMISSION
for IVCC students,
faculty and staff!

Jingle All the Way

IVCC's holiday theatrical
revue takes the stage with
festive tunes & cheer!

Cultural Centre

Friday 12/15 @ 7:30-9:30PM
Saturday 12/16 @ 7:30-9:30PM
Sunday 12/17 @ 2:00-4:00PM

CURRENT APPLICATIONS



THE PATH GRANT

Applications are being accepted until **December 15, 2023**. Students must be enrolled in a PATH-approved credit-based program for Spring 2024 to qualify.



ARPA SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are being accepted until **January 2, 2024**. Students must be enrolled in an approved program to qualify.



HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Students interested in applying for a health professions program with a Fall 2024 start date, can apply now until **March 15, 2024!**

[SEE PROGRAMS](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR FOR DETAILS AND TO APPLY](#)

Stay in the Know

Social Media



@ivcc health professions

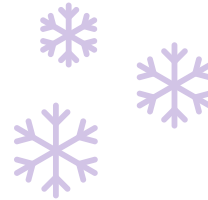
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Apply to an IVCC Health Program!

Applications for our health programs are currently being accepted until March 1, 2024



APPLY NOW

FEATURED PROGRAMS



LPN-TO-NURSE BRIDGE PROGRAM

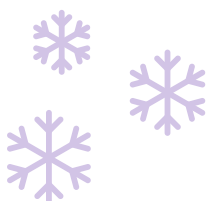
[LEARN MORE](#)

Calling all LPN's, your dream of becoming a nurse starts here! Submit your application before **March 15, 2024** for consideration in our Summer/Fall 2024 program! Explore comprehensive information about our LPN-to-RN program, such as duration, commencement date, how to apply and more!

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

[LEARN MORE](#)

The primary focus of the EMS Technician is to provide basic emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients. Submit your application before **March 15, 2024** for consideration in our Summer/Fall 2024 program! Email Nick_fish@ivcc.edu with questions!



HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Illinois Valley Community College

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN & FESTIVE TO DO THIS DECEMBER?

CONTINUING EDUCATION HAS A GREAT
LINE-UP OF CLASSES FOR DECEMBER!

[SEE DECEMBER CLASSES](#)

Our Spring 2024 catalog will be out in January! Visit our [website](#) for a preview: including yoga, cooking classes, art classes, bus trips and more!



[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

IVCC Career Services is here to support you in your job hunt! Building an impressive resume and preparing for interviews. Whether you're a recent graduate or an experienced professional, we're your partner in achieving your healthcare career goals. **Reach out today!**

CHECK OUT LOCAL JOB POSTINGS IN THE AREA!

Medical Assistant - Morris	CNA - Morris	Patient Access Rep. - Morris	Medical Office Assist. - OSF
Medical Assistant - Morris	Coder - Morris	Physical Therapy Assist. - Morris	CMAA - OSF
Medical Assistant - Morris	Dental Assist. - Ottawa	Nursing (RN) - Morris	ED Tech - OSF Peoria

[OSF POSTINGS](#)



[MORRIS POSTINGS](#)

IN NEED OF SUPPORT?



Student Services

Departments/Support:

- Admissions
- Academic Counseling
- Project Success
- Financial Aid
- Records
- Academic
- Safe Journey's
- Student Handbook
- Center for Accessibility & Neurodiversity

This month, we want to spotlight the extensive support services that IVCC offers to every student! Whether you require tutoring, wish to access your records, seek counseling, are uncertain about final exam schedules, or are searching for a particular department – bookmark our support page for convenient access to the support services available for you to benefit from!



[CLICK HERE](#)



Check Our Sites for Updates!

PATH GRANT

RETENTION & SUCCESS



DECEMBER

WINTER SOLSTICE:

DECEMBER MARKS THE WINTER SOLSTICE IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE, THE SHORTEST DAY AND LONGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR. THIS ASTRONOMICAL EVENT USUALLY OCCURS AROUND DECEMBER 21ST OR 22ND.

HANUKKAH CELEBRATION:

HANUKKAH, ALSO KNOWN AS THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, IS CELEBRATED BY JEWISH COMMUNITIES DURING DECEMBER. IT TYPICALLY LASTS FOR EIGHT NIGHTS, AND EACH NIGHT, A CANDLE IS LIT ON THE MENORAH.

KWANZAA OBSERVANCE:

KWANZAA IS A CULTURAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATED BY AFRICAN AMERICANS AND OTHERS IN THE AFRICAN DIASPORA. IT TAKES PLACE FROM DECEMBER 26TH TO JANUARY 1ST, FOCUSING ON SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF UNITY, SELF-DETERMINATION, COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY, COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS, PURPOSE, CREATIVITY, AND FAITH.

FESTIVALS OF LIGHT:

DECEMBER IS OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH VARIOUS FESTIVALS OF LIGHT AROUND THE WORLD, SYMBOLIZING HOPE AND WARMTH DURING THE DARKEST TIME OF THE YEAR. THESE INCLUDE DIWALI, HANUKKAH, AND VARIOUS CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAYS.

NATIONAL COOKIE DAY:

DECEMBER 4TH IS NATIONAL COOKIE DAY, A SWEET CELEBRATION WHERE PEOPLE INDULGE IN BAKING AND SHARING THEIR FAVORITE COOKIES.

GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH:

DECEMBER IS RECOGNIZED AS GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH, EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE NEED FOR GLOBAL SOLIDARITY IN PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THESE RIGHTS.

METEOR SHOWER EVENTS:

THE GEMINID METEOR SHOWER, ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR METEOR SHOWERS OF THE YEAR, USUALLY PEAKS IN MID-DECEMBER. STARGAZERS AROUND THE WORLD LOOK FORWARD TO THIS CELESTIAL DISPLAY.

NATIONAL UGLY SWEATER DAY:

DECEMBER 21ST IS NATIONAL UGLY SWEATER DAY, A FUN AND LIGHTHEARTED OBSERVANCE WHERE PEOPLE WEAR THEIR MOST FESTIVE AND ECCENTRIC HOLIDAY SWEATERS.