

February

Greetings,

As we enter the month of February, we hope that the school year is unfolding smoothly for each of you. In this edition of IVCC's Health Newsletter, we bring you important updates and reminders.

Students who have been chosen to be a recipient of the PATH Grant and/or the ARPA Scholarship should anticipate communications over the next several weeks ensuring continued support on their educational journeys.

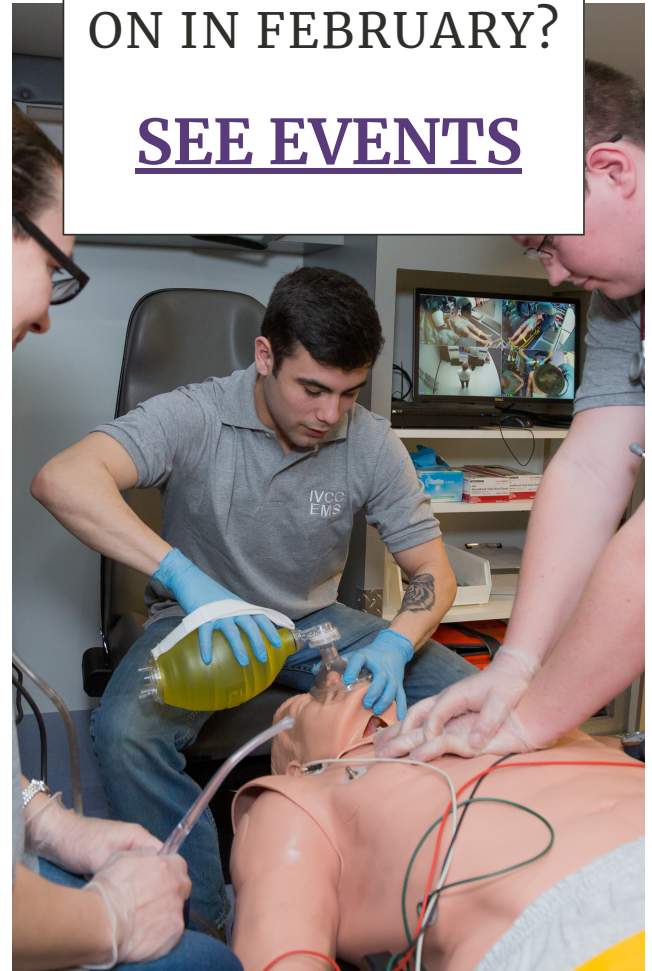
Also as a reminder, applications for various healthcare programs are currently being accepted until March 1, 2024 (don't forget to check out ALL application requirements). For those looking to pursue a career in health professions, this is an opportunity to explore our diverse programs offered.

Find more details and application procedures:
www.ivcc.edu/healthprofessions.

Wishing you a month filled with success and progress!

WHAT'S GOING ON IN FEBRUARY?

SEE EVENTS



INTERESTED IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)?
CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAMS AND THE DETAILS!

LEARN MORE



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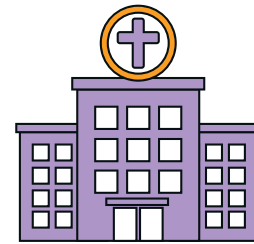
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Apply to an IVCC Health Program!

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

APPLY NOW



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.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

REACH OUT TO OUR PROGRAM MANAGERS/FACULTY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

EMAIL: NICK_FISH@IVCC.EDU

REGISTERED NURSING (RN)

EMAIL: SUE_SMITH@IVCC.EDU

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING (LPN)

EMAIL: LAURA_HODGSON@IVCC.EDU

MEDICAL ASSISTANT (MA)

EMAIL: KAITY_RITTER@IVCC.EDU

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT (CNA)

EMAIL: CHRISTINE_BLAYDES@IVCC.EDU

PHLEBOTOMY

EMAIL: MARY_GREVE@IVCC.EDU

DENTAL

EMAIL: HEATHER_SEGHI@IVCC.EDU

Featured Funding Opportunities



Foundation Scholarships

APPLICATION CLOSES ON
FEBRUARY 8TH

The IVCC Foundation has awarded over \$1 million in scholarships over the last four years. Current awards range from \$500 to \$4,500.

You must follow all of the requirements when applying. Also, you must be attending IVCC for the 2024-2025 school year.

To access the application and view all scholarships available, see [IVCC Foundation scholarship](#) website.

If you have questions, need more information or special accommodations to complete the application, please contact Donna Swiskoski in the IVCC Foundation Office at donna_swiskoski@ivcc.edu or call (815) 224-0551.

[AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Writing Contest

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 23

This annual contest invites all current IVCC students to submit written entries in any format (essay, poetry, short story, etc.) that address or share the student's experience with any aspect of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Submissions that articulate the peaceful messages of Mahatma Ghandi and/or Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. may also be considered for the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) statewide contest.

The prize for first place is \$100.00, second place is \$75.00 and third place is \$50.00. There is an additional prize for the state-wide contest.

Essays should be submitted as an attachment to Dr. Tracy Morris, IVCC's President at tracy_morris@ivcc.edu

For more information, you may contact the President's Office at 815-224-0404 or by email.

[EMAIL DR.MORRIS](#)



External Scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINES VARY

Many organizations outside of Illinois Valley Community College offer additional scholarship opportunities.

[LEARN MORE](#)



NEED A RIDE TO CLASS?

LASALLE COUNTY RESIDENTS:

NCAT provides La Salle County residents public transportation to and from IVCC as well as the Ottawa Center. Due to demand, rides must be reserved at least one business day ahead of time to reserve your spot. Call (833) 433-6228 or visit ridencat.com for information.

Rates:

- Ottawa / IVCC = \$8/round trip
- LaSalle-Peru / IVCC = \$6/round trip
- Tonica / IVCC = \$6/round trip
- Utica / IVCC = \$6/round trip
- Streator / IVCC (only can schedule rides for Tuesdays and Thursdays) = \$10/round trip

Riders must schedule rides by 10 a.m. the business day before. Cancellations must also happen by 10 a.m. the business day before or riders might lose the privilege to ride (after repeated occurrences). To view the NCAT rider guide, click [here](#).

PUTNAM OR BUREAU COUNTY RESIDENTS:

BPART provides students that reside in Bureau or Putnam counties public transportation service to and from IVCC. The round trip fare is \$8. Fares are due to the driver upon boarding; drivers do not make change.

Call (877) 874-8813 to discuss scheduling options or visit ridebpart.org for information.

IVCC Rates:

The student rate for trips to Illinois Valley Community College is \$4.00 one way.

A bus will be at IVCC at 7:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 4:30 p.m.

Drop-offs are located in the circle.

Pick-ups are in Lot 1.

- [Admissions and Records](#)
- [Academic Counseling](#)
- [Project Success](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)
- [Safe Journeys](#)
- [Student Handbook](#)
- [Accessibility & Neurodiversity](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Academic Support Center](#)
- [PATH Grant](#)
- [Jacobs Library](#)



Local Job Openings

OSF

See Openings

OTHER LOCAL

See Openings

MORRIS

See Openings

THINGS TO KNOW!

- Have your vehicle(s) serviced by the sophomores in the Automotive Service Class on Wednesdays during the Spring semester. Vehicles need to be dropped off by 8 a.m. (later if needed) and will be serviced and ready to go by 2 p.m. Email Art_Koudelka@ivcc.edu to set up an appointment.
- The Valentine's Day Bake Sale sponsored by the IVCC Project Success Leadership Team will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Student Life Space kitchen. Even better news: Everything is \$1!
- Black History Month on campus will see the return of David DJ Lee and the popular Soul Food Buffet. The Soul Food Buffet information will be announced soon! Lee, a musician and music historian, will explore the Evolution of Hip Hop and Rap on Feb. 7 at noon in the Student Life Space.
- **NURSING APPLICANTS:** the deadline for payment of the HESI A2 exam is March 1st. You are required to take the HESI A2 to enter the nursing program at IVCC. Registration for the exam will open after March 1st.

Program Spotlight

MEDICAL ASSISTING

At Illinois Valley Community College

Medical assistants are an essential part of any thriving healthcare team! They assist in ensuring facilities are organized and operating effectively and efficiently. If you have a passion for helping people and want a rewarding career, Medical Assisting may be a great option for you!



\$17.88

Average Hourly Wage

16%

Predicted job growth by 2031



Contact for more information!

kaity_ritter@ivcc.edu

Why Choose Our Program?

Flexible Learning

Our program utilizes a blend of virtual and in-person classes, providing students with increased flexibility in managing their schedules.

Hands-on-Learning

IVCC prepares individuals for an active role in health care through hands-on experiences in our on-campus lab, as well as real-world, virtual simulation.

On-the-Job Training

Students are placed with one of our community partners to complete their externship and sharpen their skills by working in an established providers office or clinic.

One-Year Program

Our program is completed in one full academic year. Classes for this program begin in the Fall of each year and finish with the student externship in Summer of the next year.



LEARN MORE & APPLY HERE!

MONTHLY WELLNESS TIP

Get Active this Month!



Being physically active can improve your brain health, help manage weight, reduce the risk of disease, strengthen bones and muscles, and improve your ability to do everyday activities (CDC).

Visit the American Heart Association's website for tips on how you can get active, even when you feel like you have no time to fit it in!



Strength Cardio Core at IVCC

This class will encourage coordination skills, tone your body, zap calories and metabolize fat. You will build a strong core: abs, hips and back, to support and improve what you do every day. Come ready to sweat, have fun, and improve your health. Start at a beginner's level and gradually increase to a more advanced level as improvement is shown.

March 5-April 2 | 4:45-5:15 PM
8 Sessions | Tracie Klieber
Room CTC-121 Class ID: 12462 \$65
Oglesby Campus

[REGISTER](#)

NEW PROGRAMS ALERT!

PARAMEDIC A.A.S

Exciting news for Illinois Valley Community College! A new Associate in Applied Science (AAS) program for Paramedic is now available, providing an excellent opportunity for those interested in pursuing a career in emergency medical services.

To learn more about this dynamic program and its offerings, please reach out to Nicholas Fish, program coordinator for EMS by calling (815) 224-0267 or emailing nick_fish@ivcc.edu.

[PARAMEDIC WEBSITE](#)

DENTAL HYGIENE

NEW PROGRAM AT ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE!

This exciting new program will begin August 2024, and we are currently accepting applications until **May 1, 2024**. Students embarking on this journey must apply for the Dental Assisting Program, as it serves as our designated laddering option.

If you have successfully completed the Dental Assisting Program at IVCC or another CODA accredited program, you are eligible to apply directly to our Hygienist Program.

Apply:



New to Dental?

Apply to IVCC's Dental Assisting Program by May 1, 2024.



Completed IVCC's Dental Assisting Program?

Apply to IVCC's new Dental Hygiene program by May 1, 2024.



Completed a CODA accredited program at another college?

Apply to IVCC's new Dental Hygiene program by May 1, 2024.

WHY ILLINOIS VALLEY?

5:1 Student-to-Teacher Ratio

Two-Year Program

Hands-on Experience

New Dental Health Center

Support Services to Succeed

1/3 the Cost of a University

LEARN MORE & APPLY TO DENTAL ASSISTING

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Learn More!

Dental Admissions Packet

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