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Health Careers Newsletter



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Happy New Year!

Welcome back to IVCC as we kick off the Spring 2026 semester! Whether you're a returning student or considering joining our community, we're here to support your journey every step of the way. Take advantage of services like the Student Success Center, Career Services, and academic advising to help you stay on track and achieve your goals.

If you're planning for the future, we're also accepting applications for Fall 2026 programs - don't miss your chance to secure your spot! Whether you're looking for guidance, resources, or a new path, IVCC is here to help you succeed this semester and beyond!

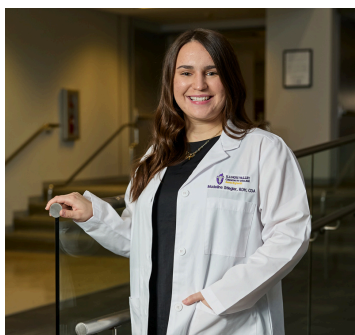
First Dental Hygiene Graduation!

The first eight students to graduate from IVCC's new dental hygiene program were presented with white lab coats marking their transition to hands-on patient care during a ceremony on Dec. 12.

The ceremony, including recitation of a dental hygiene oath and a pinning presented by family members, marked the conclusion of more than two years of study.

Graduates include: Jenna Andersen, Halie Grace, Kaylee Muntz, Morgan Myre, Rebecca Peura, Paige Sons, Madeline Stiegler and Cassie Williams.

IVCC, which accepted its first dental hygiene students in Fall 2024, became one of two community colleges in the state to offer a bridge program between Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene. The move expanded dental health training in the area and gave local students the opportunity to enhance their skills and marketability by advancing beyond a certificate to multiple degrees.



Full Gallery

Browse the full gallery and order copies [here](#).

A big thank you to our amazing photographer, Jen Heredia Studio for capturing the day for our students!

Spring 2026 PATH Grant Applicants:



The credit PATH Grant application for Spring 2026 is now closed for 1st 8-Week students. Students who are awarded funding will have their funds applied to their student account after the 10th day attendance verification period. Please contact the Cashier's Office to arrange a payment plan prior to this date.

The credit PATH Grant application is accepting applications for 2nd 8-Weeks. **Apply Now.** The noncredit PATH Grant application is still accepting applications. **Apply now.**

[Payment, Tuition and Fee Information](#)



IVCC Foundation Scholarship 2026 - 2027

The Illinois Valley Community College Foundation scholarship application for the 2026-27 academic year is open until February 5, 2026. Don't miss your chance to apply!

[Learn More](#) | [Available Scholarships](#)

Health Professions

Apply to an IVCC's Health Professions Program:

Ready to take the next step in your healthcare career? Apply today at www.ivcc.edu/apply. Each program has specific requirements, so be sure to review your chosen program's details carefully to ensure your application is submitted correctly.

If you have any questions, visit www.ivcc.edu/healthprofessions to connect with the appropriate program coordinator for more information.

PROGRAMS:

- Registered Nursing (RN)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Dental Assisting
- Dental Hygiene
- Emergency Medical Services
- Certified Medical Assistant
- Medical Assisting
- Phlebotomy
- Licensed Practical Nursing

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In Need of Support?

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- [Student Handbook](#)
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- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Academic Support Center](#)
- [PATH Grant](#)
- [Jacobs Library](#)

Remaining Nursing Information Sessions:

- January 27th 3:00pm-4:00pm | VIRTUAL
- February 2nd 2:00pm-3:00pm | OGLESBY CAMPUS

[REGISTER TO ATTEND](#)

Dental Care:

IVCC Dental Health Center clinic is offering low cost and free dental care to students, the public, staff and faculty!

Appointments are required—no walk-ins—and can be made by calling 815-224-0227 or emailing DentalHealthCenter@ivcc.edu. Expect a 3-business-day response time. Appointments are first-come, first-serve.

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