

JANUARY 2024

# HEALTH CAREERS

Illinois Valley Community College Newsletter

## A New Year, A New Semester

Happy New Year and welcome back to those getting ready to begin a new, exciting semester filled with opportunities and growth! The January edition of our newsletter is here to keep you informed on what is to come. In the realm of healthcare, each day brings fresh challenges and triumphs, and we are excited to continue helping support your academic and professional endeavors. From insightful articles and student spotlights to important updates and upcoming events, this newsletter is designed to be your compass in navigating the dynamic field of health careers. As we dive into the new year, let us embrace the possibilities that lie ahead and work collaboratively towards a successful and fulfilling semester.

*Welcome back, and here's to a semester of learning, discovery, and achievement!*



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# What is happening on campus in January?

- 9th Get Set at IVCC!  
*learn more on page 3*
- 10th Employee In-Service -  
no classes
- 11th Spring Semester - classes  
begin
- 15th Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
College Closed; no classes
- 18th First 8-Week Classes  
begin
- 24th Nursing Info. Session; virtual from  
3:00-4:00 PM. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Free dental treatments available,  
*learn more on page 06*

[See All Events](#)



# IVCC 100

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IVCC is turning 100 in 2024!  
Learn more at [ivcc.edu/100](http://ivcc.edu/100)

*questions?*

Visit [ivcc.edu/healthprofessions](http://ivcc.edu/healthprofessions)

# Get Set at IVCC!

## *Do you feel ready for college?*

If you are like many other people who start at IVCC – nervous and doubtful, but hopeful that this will be the start of something life-changing - **Get Set** might be the college-prep experience for you!

Readiness for college isn't just about academics. It's about knowing college lingo, processes and what resources are available, having the right technology skills, and knowing how to manage it all.

## *Get Set helps new and returning students!*

- Build college knowledge and connections to resources
- Gain confidence with basic technology needed at IVCC
- Brush up on general academic strategies like time management, note taking, and test preparation
- Develop new relationships
- Learn about coping strategies to thrive at college

Get Set is scheduled for **January 9th** to give students ample time to get ready before classes start!

To learn more and apply, visit Get Set's webpage or contact Tina Hardy at 815-224-0284 or [tina\\_hardy@ivcc.edu](mailto:tina_hardy@ivcc.edu)

[Get Set's Webpage](#)

**“You don't have to step out of your comfort zone as much if you know someone.”**

ANDREW KNIPPER

[Click here](#) to see what students from Fall 2022 had to say about Get Set!





# Scholarship Opportunities

Planning to attend IVCC next fall? Don't miss out on the opportunity to apply for Foundation Scholarships! With nearly 200 awards available, ranging from \$500 to \$4,500, there are plenty of options to support your education!

These awards cover a wide range of disciplines. Plus, there are around 50 scholarships open to students in any field of study. In total, \$400,000 in financial aid will be distributed to our students!

The deadline to apply is **Thursday, February 8th**, so make sure to submit your application soon. For more information and to apply, visit [ivcc.edu/scholarships](http://ivcc.edu/scholarships). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Donna Swiskoski at (815) 224-0551 or [donna\\_swiskoski@ivcc.edu](mailto:donna_swiskoski@ivcc.edu).



## FOUNDATION Illinois Valley Community College

[View All Opportunities and Apply!](#)

## Healthcare:

### *Rhea Mae Crowder Memorial*

1. IVCC district resident
2. Studying any of the following disciplines listed, but not limited to: chiropractic, dentistry, dietitian, medical technology, medicine, nursing (LPN or RN), occupational/physical/respiratory therapy, pharmacy, any health-related field
3. Minimum 2.75 GPA

### *Illinois Community College System Foundation Healthcare*

(part-time enrollment eligible)

1. Pursuing a career that provides direct medical care to individuals

### *HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary Streator*

1. Graduate of Streator Township High School or Woodland High School
2. Sophomore status (30+ credit hours completed by end of Spring 2024)
3. Pursuing a healthcare, hospital-related profession
4. Minimum 3.00 GPA

### *Dick and Carol Janko*

1. Pursuing a career in pre-med or a medical field (excluding chiropractic, massage therapy, acupuncturist, or other homeopathic areas of study)
2. Minimum 3.50 GPA

### *Jasiek Family*

1. Graduate of L-P Township High School or St. Bede Academy
2. Sophomore status (30+ credit hours completed by end of Spring 2024)
3. Pursuing a career in medicine, dentistry or osteopathy
4. Minimum 3.00 GPA

### *Kamal Kishore, M.D.*

1. Current IVCC student (high school students excluded)
2. Pursuing a career in healthcare
3. Minimum 3.00 GPA

### *Doug & Nicki McVey Healthcare*

1. Pursuing a career in healthcare
2. Minimum 2.50 GPA

### *Joan Moran Memorial*

1. Graduate of DePue High School or another Bureau County high school
2. Pursuing a career in healthcare
3. Minimum 3.00 GPA

### *Michelle Mertel Nuckles*

(part-time enrollment eligible)

1. Graduate of Ottawa Township High School or L-P Township High School
2. Home-school or GED graduates must be a resident of the OTHS or LPHS school district
2. Pursuing a career in healthcare; preference will be given to physical, occupational or speech therapy majors and/or pre-med applicants
3. Minimum 3.00 GPA

### *Dr. John F. Wacker Memorial*

(part-time enrollment eligible)

1. IVCC district resident
2. Pursuing a career in healthcare (excluding chiropractic, massage therapy and acupuncture)
3. Minimum 2.75 GPA

# Support Highlight of the Month



## SAFE JOURNEYS

Safe Journeys (formerly ADV & SAS) offers a safe atmosphere where survivors of domestic and sexual violence can find support, resources, and strength as they journey toward healing and thriving in LaSalle and Livingston counties.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## Safe Journeys

### Location

Adult Ed  
CTC 220C



ILLINOIS VALLEY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Student Services



Advocacy

Shelter

Counseling

Case Management



### Available

Tuesday & Thursday  
By appointment M, W, F

### Contact

HeatherS@SafeJourneysIllinois.org  
(815) 257-1506

Support Services for Survivors of  
Domestic and Sexual Violence

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

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**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**

**FRIDAYS**  
(a few exceptions)

**8:00–  
12:00**

**JANUARY 26 – MAY 3**  
Located in the Dental Lab!  
**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

## 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)**





# Health Professions at IVCC

**APPLICATIONS  
FOR FALL 2024  
ARE CURRENTLY  
BEING ACCEPTED!**



**NURSING (RN) • LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING (LPN) • DENTAL • MEDICAL ASSISTING • EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) • PHLEBOTOMY • CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT (CNA)**



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***Retention &  
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LinkedIn!***

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***Nursing App  
Requirements***

**VIEW**

**Contact Our Program Coordinators!**

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