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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **100% of Northwest Iowa Community College's Practical Nursing Class Passed the National Nursing Boards**

Northwest Iowa Community College is proud to announce that one hundred percent of the Practical Nursing Program and Extended Practical Nursing Program graduates for the 2011-2012 academic year have passed the NCLEX-PN exam (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses). NCLEX-PN is the national exam that measures the competencies needed to perform safely and effectively as a newly licensed, entry-level nurse. This exam is used by state boards of nursing to assist in making licensure decisions.

NCC's Practical Nursing Program and Extended Practical Nursing Programs five year pass average on the NCLEX-PN is 95%. While the national average for the NCLEX-PN is 83.16%.

The Practical Nursing Program (one year curriculum) and Extended Practical Nursing (two year curriculum) Programs at NCC prepare an individual to provide comprehensive care for clients' physical and psychosocial needs. Nursing courses provide basic knowledge and skills in the medical-surgical, geriatric, maternity, pediatric, and mental health nursing areas. Courses also focus on care giving, communication, teaching, professional, and managerial roles. Local health facilities provide the opportunity to participate in supervised clinical/preceptor experience.

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) can find jobs in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, home health care, wellness centers, schools, and insurance companies.

The Board of Nursing requires students to take a national exam of a minimum of 85 questions and up to a maximum of 205 for Practical Nursing Boards. The exam is done electronically and the students are fingerprinted and asked questions before going into the testing room to assure there is no cheating. The questions are developed by practicing nurses nationwide and everyone who takes the exam must have graduated from a certified program.

Ruth Hobson, Director – Nursing Education, Instructor of Nursing, said, “The nursing faculty at Northwest Iowa Community College is extremely proud of our nursing program and this is ultimately confirmed when our students are this successful on the NCLEX!”

There were forty-four graduates, twenty nine Practical Nursing and fifteen Extended Practical Nursing students, that took the NCLEX-PN exam with a 100% pass rate!

NCC's 2011-2012 Practical Nursing and Extended Practical Nursing graduates are:

San Juana Avila, Sheldon, IA; Andrea Berkenpas, Le Mars, IA; Kristina Berning, Rock Valley, IA; Erica Brenner, Sioux Falls, SD; Jessica Broesder, Sheldon, IA; Kimberly Brummel, Hull, IA; Joshua Christoffers, Atwater, MN; Nicole Dallenbach, Worthington, MN; Karisa Friedman, Sioux Center, IA; Leanne Gaul, Hull, IA; Karen Hamre, Spencer, IA; Heather Hoaglund, Le Mars, IA; Kimberly Hoekstra, Ocheydan, IA; Kelley Hohbach, Paullina, IA; Sara Horstman, Hull, IA; Krista Johnson, Little Rock, IA; Amanda Kruger, Hull, IA; Natalie Krull, Rock Rapids, IA; Brooke (Niemeyer) Rozeboom, Alvord, IA; Candice Pendergrass, Rock Valley, IA; Nathan Peters, Little Rock, IA; Courtney Rens, Maurice, IA; Katie Romero, Sioux Center, IA; Rachel Rosenboom, Sanborn, IA; Steven Schelling, Orange City, IA; Susie Schneidermann, Melvin, IA; Gregory Scholten, Hudson, SD; Erin Smith, Sheldon, IA; Holly Starkenburg, Boyden, IA; Jessica Steeg, Sheldon, IA; Sara Steinback, Sheldon, IA; Esther Van Der Brink, Sioux Center, IA; Krystle Vander Schaaf, Alton, IA; Alyssa Van Ginkel, Hull, IA; Allison Van Kley, Hull, IA; Katie Van Schepen, Sioux Center, IA; Pamela Van't Hul, Hull, IA; Lynn Van Roekel, Hospers, IA; Kelsie Van Voorst, Maurice, IA; Cassandra Veltkamp, Sioux Center, IA; Emileann Vink, Doon, IA; Lindsey Walter, Alton, IA; Sadie Winkelmann, Springfield, MN; Christine Woodard, Alton, IA.