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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Northwest Iowa Community College Nursing Instructor Selected as a Writer for the Nursing Licensure Examination**

Melanie Wynja was selected as a volunteer item writer for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), headquartered in Chicago, is responsible for developing and administering the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN licensing exams.

Wynja, a nursing instructor at Northwest Iowa Community College was approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing and selected by NCSBN to participate on the NCLEX item development panel of subject matter experts that was held in Chicago, Illinois on October 15-18<sup>th</sup>.

Wynja was one of 12 nurses from across the nation to be selected for this assignment. She was nominated on the basis of clinical specialty and nursing expertise.

All nurses in the United States and its four U.S. territories must take the NCLEX. The licensing exam identifies those candidates who demonstrate minimal competence to practice nursing at the entry level. Passing the NCLEX exam is one of the requirements necessary to attaining a nursing license.

Ruth Hobson, NCC Director of Nursing Education, stated "This was an awesome experience for Melanie and we are so proud of her for being chosen. She came back from this experience with a new insight for the process it takes to write NCLEX questions."