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**Ivy Tech Madison Announces the Higher Learning Commission’s Approval for the Veterinary Nursing Program**

MADISON, Ind. — Ivy Tech Community College Madison is proud to announce the approval of its Veterinary Nursing Program by the university’s institutional accreditor, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). This groundbreaking program is the first and only veterinary nursing program offered across all 19 Ivy Tech locations, marking a significant milestone for the institution and the community. The official program launch is scheduled for August 2025.

The program will also pursue accreditation approval from the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technical Education and Activities (CVTEA) and the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA).

Ivy Tech Madison will offer an associate-degree-level veterinary nursing program and a veterinary technician certificate. Students enrolled in the program will pursue licensure as registered veterinary technicians (RVTs) and gain hands-on experience working in veterinary practices, laboratories, and agribusiness/bioscience industries.

The program will be led by Dr. Melissa Newcomb, DVM. Newcomb brings over 20 years of veterinary experience, as well as over 17 years of experience in education.

“The approval of this program reflects Ivy Tech’s commitment to meeting workforce demands and offering exceptional opportunities for our students,” said Kay Stokes, Ivy Tech Madison Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Interested students can contact Emily Tingle, Admissions Recruiter at Ivy Tech Madison, 812-265-2580 ext 4121 or email Etingle2@ivytech.edu.

**About Ivy Tech Community College**

Ivy Tech Community College is Indiana's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited statewide community college system, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana and also serves thousands of students annually online. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering associate degrees, long- and short-term certificate programs, industry certifications, and training that aligns with the needs of the community. The College provides a seamless transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana, as well as out of state, for a more affordable route to a bachelor's degree.

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