

**OUR MISSION...**

*Iowa Western Community College is a learning community committed to excellence in meeting educational needs and improving the quality of life through programs, partnerships and community involvement.*

*Center for Advanced Nursing  
and Allied Health Education*



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### ***Raising The Bar...***

Iowa Western Community College, already recognized for its quality nursing education program, has raised the bar for future graduates with the Spring 2011 opening of the Center for Advanced Nursing and Allied Health Education.

The new facility, located on the campus in Council Bluffs, boasts one of the premier nursing and allied health simulation training centers in the region, giving students state-of-the-art tools to hone their skills in the health care field. The center also is home to advanced Surgical Technology operating rooms, expanded Medical Assistant laboratories and an Emergency Medical Services training center.

Simulations scenarios are audio and visually recorded to enhance student self-evaluation and time management in-patient care.

#### ***Iowa Western's new center features:***

- Interactive learning with real-life situations
- Simulated real-life patient care challenges
- Outcome-based curriculum
- Knowledgeable and caring instructors/mentors
- Critical thinking hands-on opportunities



### ***Medical Assistant***

The fast-paced world of medicine requires the best training available, and you can get that with Iowa Western's Medical Assistant Program. The new Center for Advanced Nursing and Allied Health Education will open the door to quality training in this exciting career field.

In the new center, students will feel like they have walked right into the doctor's office laboratory and examination rooms. Cutting edge technology and modern health care equipment provide students with the same resources that they will find in a physician's office or clinic.

You'll leave Iowa Western prepared to become an administrative and clinical assistant in physicians' offices. In this program, you will participate in service learning projects including administering flu shots and providing health screenings.

Get started on a health care career that allows you to nurture long-term relationships with patients and doctors. The program also emphasizes patient registration, medical record management and lab test performance.



**“Seeing my father go through surgeries as a child, I enjoyed watching the nurses care for him. I love working with people and seeing them get better.”**

Sayla Pierce  
Oakland, IA

**“I knew from a young age that I wanted to be a nurse. I have a passion for helping people.”**

Kristin Handle  
Omaha, NE

## **Surgical Tech**

The new Center for Advanced Nursing and Allied Health Education boasts a Surgical Technology facility that rivals those in area hospitals. The new center features four simulated operating rooms for practicing skills and recording training processes, which add to the total educational experience for our students.

Surgical Technologists work under the supervision of a physician or registered nurse and function as a member of the surgical team. Job opportunities abound in this field, including positions in hospitals, physician offices, ambulatory care centers and ambulatory surgical centers.

Clinical experience occurs in the first semester in this program as students learn to function as a member of a surgical team. Our instructors in this unique program have many years of experience. You also will have the opportunity to join the Student Association of Surgical Technologists and participate in service learning programs in the community and on campus.



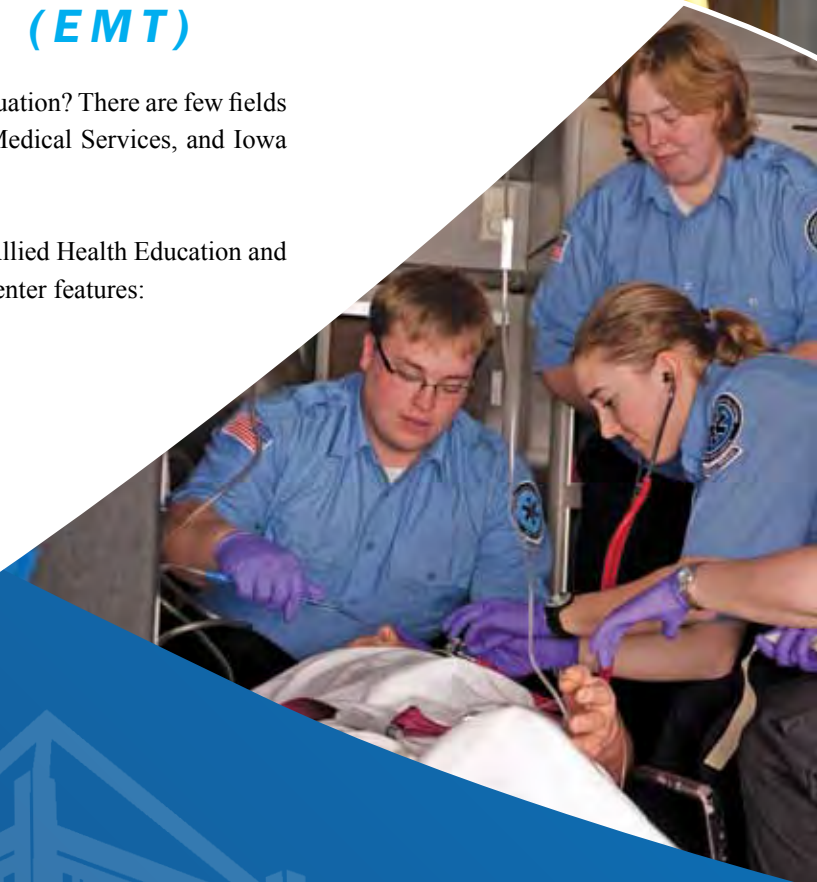
## **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)**

Do you have what it takes to be a first responder in an emergency situation? There are few fields of study that are as rewarding as those dealing with Emergency Medical Services, and Iowa Western's new center will prepare you for that first call.

Walk into the EMS wing of the Center for Advanced Nursing and Allied Health Education and you will experience a training facility that is second to none. The center features:

- ***A fully equipped ambulance***
- ***Cardiac defibrillators***
- ***Electrocardiograms***
- ***An apartment staging area to practice transport from home to squad***

A 911 call is the first link in the EMS chain. Be part of that important link and discover exciting career opportunities in Emergency Medical Services.



**OUR PHILOSOPHY IS TO EDUCATE, TRAIN, AND PROVIDE THE BEST LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS**

*Interactive Learning*      *Caring Mentors*  
**Patient Care Challenges**  
*Outstanding Clinical Sites*      *Knowledgeable Instructors*





Iowa Western nursing students consistently score high on the National Council of State Board of Nursing (NCLEX-RN) examination, and the new training center will only enhance those opportunities for future health care professionals.

- *Registered Nurses, Nursing Assistants, Practical Nurses, Surgical Technicians and Paramedics continue to be in the top 10 professional needs in Iowa.\**
- *Iowa's shortfall in registered nurses is projected to rise to 27 percent by 2020\**



*"Iowa Western has a state-of-the-art nursing simulator center."*

**Dr. Ward Chambers**  
University of Nebraska Medical Center

## Nursing

How would you respond to a mannequin that can carry on a conversation as you provide critical care in a hospital setting? Iowa Western's new Center for Advanced Nursing and Allied Health Education puts nurses in real life settings with its high fidelity, interactive simulation labs.

The state-of-the-art simulation center allows students to treat patients that bleed, moan, cry and talk to you about their pain, providing critical training skills in preparation for real life health care jobs. The nursing field continues to be one of high demand, and Iowa Western's Associate Degree Nursing Program will put you on the right path to a rewarding career.



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