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NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE MARKS NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK, CELEBRATES PARTNERSHIPS TRAINING OHIO'S HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

ARCHBOLD, OHIO – Northwest State Community College is proud to join the healthcare providers in our service area in honoring the doctors, nurses, technicians, and support teams who care for patients every day, while also highlighting the hands-on training partnerships that are helping grow the region's health care workforce. This recognition comes as part of this year's National Hospital Week, celebrated May 10–16.

At Northwest State, students prepare for in-demand health care careers through programs such as Registered Nursing, Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy, Medical Billing & Coding, and more. Through clinical rotations, externships, and other work-based learning opportunities with area healthcare providers, students gain real-world experience while strengthening the local pipeline of skilled professionals.

These careers and training pathways are recognized annually during National Hospital Week, an initiative organized by the American Hospital Association to celebrate hospitals, health systems, and the caregivers who keep communities healthy. This partnership reflects what community colleges do best—working directly with hospitals and health systems to meet evolving workforce needs, said Dr. Tiffany Ludwig, dean of Nursing and Allied Health at Northwest State.

“National Hospital Week is the perfect time to honor the dedicated caregivers in our local hospitals while highlighting our critical role in training the health care workforce of the future,” said Dr. Tiffany Ludwig. “Through our nursing and allied health programs and strong clinical partnerships, we are proud to prepare graduates who will deliver compassionate, high-quality care to Ohio patients for years to come.”

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Ohio's 22 community colleges play a central role in workforce-aligned training across the state, partnering with hospitals to respond quickly to industry demand, said Avi Zaffini, president and CEO of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.

“Programs like our nursing and allied health offerings demonstrate how Ohio's community colleges and hospitals work hand in hand to solve real workforce challenges,” Zaffini said. “By providing accessible, employer-driven training, our colleges are helping Ohioans gain valuable credentials while ensuring that hospitals have the skilled workforce they need to serve their communities.”

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