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Fall 2026–2027 Important Dates

Sep 28 – Fall Term Begins
Oct 15 – LPN to RN Bridge Applications due
Oct 23 – Nursing & Allied Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Nov 3 – Advising Day
Nov 6 – TVCC Foundation Gala
Nov 9 – Registration opens for new students
Nov 11 – Veterans' Day (college closed)
Nov 18 – CTE Open House
Nov 26-27 – Thanksgiving Break (college closed)
Dec 2 – Healthcare Career & Job Fair
Dec 7-11 – Finals Week
Dec 17 – Nursing Assistant Applications due for Winter term
Dec 21-25 – Christmas Break (college closed)
Jan 1 – New Year's Day (college closed)
Jan 4 – Winter Term Begins

Nursing:

- 23 graduates in the class of 2026
- Nearly all these students have passed the NCLEX and are now Registered Nurses
- 24 students began their first year of nursing school
- 21 students progressed into their second year of nursing school, this includes the LPN to RN Bridge students as well
- 9 students chose the option to obtain their Licensed Practical Nurse credential
- LPN to RN Bridge Application is due October 15th
- Welcome Ruth Lopes! Professor Lopes joined the Nursing faculty in September 2026; she has been a Registered Nurse for 25 years. Her career in nursing has included clinical work in oncology, chemotherapy & biotherapy, end-of-life, home health, patient advocacy, and education. As a nurse educator she has had the privilege to train hundreds of students in the nursing profession and greatly enjoys watching students develop the skills and knowledge to safely care for patients. One of her favorite things about teaching is having the excuse to routinely spend time learning new things, but not just nursing. Professor Lopes' other occupations include homeschooling, coaching new homeschoolers, teaching piano lessons, serving at her church, and gardening.

TVCC Nursing Class of 2026



Nursing Assistant:

- 9 students successfully completed the course held in the summer term
- 4 students are enrolled in the fall term
- Seeking review of the Evelen S. Dame Nursing & Allied Health Professions Center to be approved as a Headmaster testing site

RN to BSN:

- The collaborative program officially started with a total of 40 students enrolled in the first two courses. Four of those students are TVCC graduates.
- The Bachelor of Science Community College Collaborative (BSNCCC) will begin the accreditation process in 2027–2028 with the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
- Member colleges of the BSNCCC are: Chemeketa C.C., Central Oregon C.C., Linn-Benton C.C., Klamath C.C., Oregon Coast C.C., Treasure Valley C.C.
- Each institution will be responsible for teaching a portion of this program and each will ultimately award a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree to its graduating students

Medical Assistant:

- 8 out of 8 students earned their Certified Clinical Medical Assistant credential over the summer
- 10 out of 10 students earned their Certified Phlebotomy Technician credential over the summer
- Interest in the stand-alone Phlebotomy course is steady, with 7 students enrolled
- The annual report form is due in October for the MA accreditation process. This report consists of outcomes and surveys necessary to confirm the success of the MA program

Notice a new look? The TVCC Brand has been updated. Stop by the TVCC Bookstore for some updated merch.



Medical Assistant students participating in skills lab.

Emergency Medical Services:

- 15 students enrolled in the 2026–2027 EMT course
- S. Chamberlain recently completed the Paramedic program and is excited to return to the instructor role
- The students and instructors are excited about the new facility and feel very fortunate to learn and train in such a great environment

General:

- The Evelyn S. Dame Nursing & Allied Health Professions Center celebrated its official grand opening and ribbon-cutting on September 17, 2026. This 30,000 square foot building is the new home of TVCC's Health Professions programs
- The physical address for this building is 777 SW 5th St. Ontario, OR 97914
- The Healthcare Career and Job Fair is scheduled for December 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the NAHPC, room 116. The public is welcome to stop by, see what the healthcare job market has to offer, and learn about secondary education programs
- The Workforce Ready Grant Round II sunset on June 30, 2026. At the end of this grant, TVCC had assisted 184 students with financial and mentoring services to remove barriers, that kept them from successfully completing their education goals in healthcare education.
- TVCC is looking to expand healthcare program offerings. Watch this newsletter or the website for new and exciting programs that could be offered as majors of study.
- The Medical Lab Science transfer degree is now being offered at TVCC. This program prepares a student to transfer to a university to complete their baccalaureate studies and work in the diagnostics lab.