

# HEALTH CARE



**Left:** Senior Mariah Patrick is shown how to take the blood pressure of classmate junior Kelsey Bauer by former emergency room nurse and Huntington North instructor Tiffany Drummond. Regarding second semester's field training in the hospital, Patrick said, "It'll be fun. I like working with old people." **Middle:** Junior Marysah Ellenberger lies still in the patient role as classmates Jennifer Wogoman and Leanna Arellano, seniors, attempt a "lateral position" movement in the health lab. **Right:** Senior Brandon Brosaner, who takes the pulse of a student-patient, said he took the Health Careers class "because I like helping people."

## CNA program creates work-readiness



**TIFFANNEY DRUMMOND**

*"Students will learn 48 different procedures that they will need to understand and be able to do for their (CNA) license."*

**COURSES AT HUNTINGTON N:**  
Introduction to Health Occupations  
Medical Terminology  
EMT Basic  
C.N.A. Prep

**DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES**  
Ivy Tech Community College  
- 12 credits

**INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION:**  
Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.)

The one-page flier is clear and to the point: "Why should YOU take the Certified Nurse Aide Training Program?"

Student responses are varied and informative, including "You get to help people." "It's a job

you can have while in college." "I'm earning a license that will allow me to get a job I could support myself with while still in high school."

With so many students disenchanted regarding job prospects, it's no wonder popularity is

picking up for what used to be called just a "vocational class."

Students take Medical Terminology and Intro to Health Occupations fall semester as their prerequisites. Then they can choose between an EMT Basic Course, a C.N.A. Preparation Course, or a hospital internship program for spring semester.

"The fall semester gives them the foundation they need to pick the best spring course to help further their individual goals," said former emergency room nurse Tiffany Drummond.

Students split class time between formal instruction, and demonstrations and simulations in lab.

During second semester, C.N.A. students log a minimum of 80 hours of on-the-job training in different long-term care facilities in Huntington County.

"I think this time is important because this is when the students get an idea of what they want to do in life," Drummond said.

Second-year teacher Drummond is rapidly expanding her program and the facilities to accommodate her 124 students to date.

Drummond recently wrote a grant to *Eco Lab* that provided denture models, blood pressure cuffs and other laboratory supplies. Parkview Regional Medical Center donated 10 hospital beds for the new lab space.

"The support from the community for this program has been wonderful," Drummond said. "My hope is that the students we are training to be future medical professionals will be assets to this community for years to come."



Senior Alliyah Maydwell watches for the instructions on the power point for her daily assignment. "There's no fluff in the state department's digital curriculum," instructor Tiffany Drummond said. Students split time between coursework and lab demonstrations first semester, before deciding upon their on-the-job training assignment.