

THE *Owens* IMPACT

HEALTHCARE EDITION 2025-2026



Healthcare Education Center

Grand Opening – March 2025

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MRI Associate Degree

Owens offers the nation's only accredited MRI associate degree in the U.S.



#1 Nursing College in northwest Ohio

Nursing graduates have surpassed state and national NCLEX exam pass rates for more than two decades.

Certified Nursing Assistants Make a Difference

More than 150 Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) students completed the program in 2024-25. CNAs often make an immediate impact in healthcare settings. They play a vital role in patient care, providing essential support to nurses and improving quality of life for patients across hospitals, long-term care and home health environments.

On the National Stage



Diagnostic Medical Sonography made a strong national impression, placing a student in the 10-member National Emerging Leadership Class for three consecutive years. Candace Summerskill was selected in 2025 and also became the second student to receive a national grant. She followed in the footsteps of Halle Delos Reyes (2023) and Ciara Littlefield (2024), who were also named to the Emerging Leadership Class. In Surgical Technology, Cara Johns and Alex Gauamis became the first Owens students inducted into the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) National Honor Society in 2023.

Healthcare Leader



Owens offers 23 degrees and certificates across 11 healthcare disciplines, and averages 364 graduates*, including 193 nurses, annually. A majority of these graduates find employment before graduating with ProMedica, Mercy Health, Blanchard Valley Health, Wood County Hospital or other healthcare providers. They are highly-skilled professionals dedicated to patient-centered care for the northwest Ohio community.

**Average for the past five academic years through 2024-2025.*

New Online BSN Completion Program Strengthens Community

The new Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion Program is designed for registered nurses ready to advance their careers. Built on the college's No. 1-ranked registered nursing program, this flexible, high-quality program supports working professionals through coursework focused on leadership, evidence-based practice and community care. With the BSN Completion Program, Owens continues to shape the future of healthcare in the northwest Ohio region – one nurse at a time.



Halle Delos Reyes



Ciara Littlefield



Cara Johns

Faculty Recognition

Jami Williamson joined Nicole Buchanan and Sara Burke, PT, DPT in as Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty members on the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) list. This highly selective award honors faculty whose work ensures student success.



Jami Williamson
2025



Nicole Buchanan
2024



Sara Burke
2023



Lifelong Exercise

Exercise Science students benefit from the 2023 renovations in the Student Health and Activities Center where they learn their discipline in a modern lab (gym) setting.



Community Clinics



The Dental Hygiene Clinic hosts *Give Kids a Smile Day* twice per academic year for children ages 6 months to 18 years old with a goal of increasing access to dental care and teaching the children about healthy dental hygiene habits. Sonography offers free OB ultrasounds for patients between 20-32 weeks pregnant who already have had a normal anatomy scan.



Findlay-area Campus

At the Findlay-area Campus, students can complete two of our medical programs entirely close to home: Nursing, a long-standing cornerstone of the campus since the 1980s, and the newly added Physical Therapist Assistant program, created to meet growing workforce demands and expand career opportunities.

Scholarships and Grants



Students in the School of Nursing and Health Professions have access to both Owens Community College Foundation scholarships and general Owens scholarships each year to support their career goals. Radiologic technology student Alyssa Hutchins was awarded Ohio and American Societies of Radiologic Technologists (OSRT, ASRT) grants in 2023. She was one of 28 students nationwide awarded the "Sponsor a Student" grant.



Alyssa Hutchins

New Sonography Degree

Owens is expanding its healthcare offerings with the new Cardiac Sonography associate degree to meet workforce demands. This specialty procedure uses high-frequency sound waves (ultrasound) to produce dynamic visual images of the heart.



THE *heart* FOR FUTURE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS



Preparing Students for Patient-Centered Care

- ✓ Dental Hygiene
- ✓ Exercise Science
- ✓ Health Information
- ✓ Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- ✓ Medical Assisting
- ✓ Nursing
- ✓ Occupational Therapy Assistant
- ✓ Physical Therapist Assistant
- ✓ Radiologic Technology
- ✓ Sonography
- ✓ Surgical Technology

Meeting Workforce Demands

Now open on the Toledo-area Campus, Owens Community College's \$31.3 million Healthcare Education Center positions the college as the regional hub for healthcare education and training. Spanning 86,500 square feet, the center houses the School of Nursing and Health Professions and features advanced simulation labs, collaborative learning spaces and cutting-edge equipment designed to mirror real-world healthcare settings. As the demand for skilled professionals grows, the facility will play a vital role in preparing students to enter the workforce ready to lead. This bold investment ensures Owens remains at the forefront of training the region's next generation of healthcare heroes.

Interprofessional Education

Owens is a national leader in Interprofessional Education (IPE), preparing students across healthcare disciplines to collaborate as highly effective care teams. The new Interprofessional Education and Simulation Center (IPESC) features a six-bed simulated hospital, high-fidelity mannequins, and flexible training spaces that mirror real-world environments. Owens was the first community college to attend an IPEC Institute and continues to shape IPE innovation through national and state consortiums, advancing team-based care to improve patient outcomes.



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