



LIFELONG NURSE AND EDUCATOR JANELLE GRESLA

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“The best part of this class? To be able to get the hands-on experience at the hospital.”

“Just knowing I can earn a year of college credit while in school puts me one step ahead of the others.”



CHABELLE 'BELLE' LAWLER



HUMAN SCIENCE: HEALTH CARE SPECIALTIES
AVAILABLE @ NORWELL HS

Dual Credits 'Healthy' at Belmont High School Enrollment strong for Health Occupation courses

A free year of college may just be an offer too good to refuse for career-minded students involved in the Health Occupations classes at Belmont High School.

Seventy-three juniors and an additional 39 seniors are enrolled in beginning and advanced health career courses at this Wells County school, under the tutelage of instructor Janelle Gresla.

The rigors of the class are evident in the coursework expected of the students, and the amount of high school, college and state tests required to complete the courses with certification and college credits.

“I’m a firm believer in treating the kids like adults,” Gresla said. “My

philosophy of teaching is that I want to make a difference in all of my students’ lives.”

In addition to the coursework, the students will spend 80 hours in clinical experiences

at Adams Memorial Hospital during second semester, and then be given a test by Gresla to become a Certified Nursing Assistant or CNA -- at no additional cost to the students.

CNAs, who can work at nursing homes and with home care patients, can expect to make an average of \$28,000 in Indiana. CNAs are in high demand according to www.indeed.com.

“In addition to health care, we also study ‘ObamaCare’ because I want my students to know and understand the reality of the environment,” Gresla said.

Advanced Placement credit and developing a community Health Fair are among the plans Gresla intends to pursue.

✓ CREDIT CHECKLIST

CURRENT HEALTH OFFERINGS:

- Anatomy & Physiology I
- Anatomy & Physiology II
- Intro to Health Careers
- Medical Terminology
- CNA Preparation

PLANS FOR 2013:

- Anatomy & Physiology III
- Health Careers II

17-23 potential credits
at Ivy Tech or IPFW



Seventy-three junior level high school students from Belmont, Adams Central and South Adams report to Room 220 each day with laptops and dreams of a future career in the medical field.

