

Certified nursing assistant class works on skills at ONBOCES



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The Orleans/Niagara BOCES adult education's certified nursing assistant (CNA) class was hard at work in our health occupations technician lab at the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center recently.

Teacher Deb Rettig was working with her students who were going over their skills. CNA is an entry-level role in the health care field that provides vital support to both patients and nurses. From transporting, bathing and feeding hospital patients to stocking medical supplies and logging patient information, CNAs are on the ground working to enhance patient outcomes. This career is a fantastic entry point for dozens of different nursing careers.

Our next class will be offered in April or May. Please contact Diana Petrizzo, B.S.N., R.N., at dpetrizzo@onboces.org if you are interested.

Pictured, from left: David Hernandez, adult education CNA instructor Rettig, Mark Weber, Leah Mancuso and Lashanika Moore.

IN THE NEWS

FeedMore WNY calls on community to 'Spread the Love' with peanut butter drive

This February, Western New Yorkers can help spread the love and reduce food insecurity by donating unopened jars of peanut butter to FeedMore WNY.

From Feb. 1-29, FeedMore WNY will hold its "Spread the Love" food drive to collect more peanut butter – one of its most highly requested food items. Community members may drop off donations at FeedMore WNY's warehouse, located at 91 Holt St., Buffalo, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

People also have the option of donating peanut butter online to be shipped directly to FeedMore WNY through <https://yougivegoods.com/peanutbutter2024>.

Individuals, schools, corporations or community groups looking to organize a peanut



butter drive for FeedMore WNY are encouraged to contact Volunteer and Event Coordinator Betsy Campbell at bcampbell@feedmorewny.org or call 716-822-2005, ext. 3090.

"Donations of peanut butter always are highly desired and greatly appreciated here at FeedMore WNY," Campbell said. "Not only is peanut butter packed with protein, but it is shelf stable and beloved by children and adults alike.

We frequently distribute peanut butter to our partner food pantries and hunger-relief agencies throughout our four-county service area, and it is a staple menu item for our Backpack Program serving children in need."

More information about "Spread the Love" can be found online at www.feedmorewny.org/spread-the-love.

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