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Indian Capital Technology Center Receives the Excellence in Action Award for its Innovative Nursing Transition CTE Program

April 5, 2018 – [Muskogee, Oklahoma] – Today, the Nursing Transition program of study at Indian Capital Technology Center (ICTC) received the prestigious Excellence in Action award from Advance CTE. This award honors innovative and effective Career Technical Education (CTE) programs across the nation. Nursing Transition exemplifies excellence in providing relevant work-based learning opportunities through sustained partnerships with education, community and industry leaders; integrates rigorous academics; meets college and career readiness standards; and has demonstrated substantial evidence of student success and achievement.

The Nursing Transition program of study received the award in the *Health Science Career Cluster*[®]. The program has created an accelerated pathway to help learners become a licensed practical nurse. High school seniors who have successfully completed one year of the Health Careers Certification, can enroll in the program and graduate within six months following high school graduation.

The Nursing Transition program of study was established in August of 2011 and provides a rigorous curriculum paired with relevant clinical instruction in a variety of settings. Through sustained partnerships, learners complete an impressive 672 hours of work-based learning. The program continues to produce results. From 2012-2016, learners have achieved an 89.4 percent NCLEX-PN exam pass rate, exceeding the national pass rate of 83.73 percent.

"This program is an exemplary example of meeting the needs of business and industry by addressing the shortage in nursing. The job placement rate for this program from 2012-2016 is 97.2 percent. For students on a career path to be a registered nurse, a student may take advantage of the RN bridge program offered at area colleges to continue his/her education. Oklahoma CareerTech's mission is to prepare Oklahomans to succeed in the workplace, in education and in life—this program accomplishes this by meeting the workforce demand while providing students with a solid career path," said Marcie Mack, State CTE Director, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology.

"These students bring traits to the classroom above and beyond many students their age," said Wren Stratton, Registered Nurse, and ICTC Nursing Transition Instructor.

"The programs of study that we are honoring today all share a steadfast commitment to the highest expectations for CTE," said Kimberly Green, Executive Director of Advance CTE. "This dedication to quality and excellence leads to strong learner outcomes, creating opportunities for a lifetime of career

and education success. Today's honorees serve as national models of what high-quality CTE looks like and can achieve."

Representatives accepted the honor at an award ceremony as part of the Advance CTE Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. Learn more about the Nursing Transition program of study and the Excellence in Action award [here](#).

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About Advance CTE

Advance CTE: State Leaders Connecting Learning to Work is the longest-standing national non-profit that represents State Directors and state leaders responsible for secondary, postsecondary and adult Career Technical Education (CTE) across all 50 states and U.S. territories. Established in 1920, Advance CTE supports visionary state leadership, cultivates best practices and speaks with a collective voice on national policy to promote academic and technical excellence that ensures a career-ready workforce.