

# Consortium selects BC3 RN student with bachelor's degree as healthcare award winner

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(Butler, PA) The Butler County Health Care Consortium honored for the second time in two years a student who chose to enroll in Butler County Community College's associate in applied science degree program in Nursing, R.N., after earning a bachelor's degree from a Pennsylvania public four-year institution.

The consortium's Health Care Student of the Year award acknowledges that "I've been doing something, and that people have been noticing," said Philip Green, 33, who received a bachelor's degree in medical imaging from Clarion University of Pennsylvania in 2007 and expects to be among BC3's Class of 2020 registered nursing graduates.

Green follows Marissa Marsh, the consortium's 2019 Health Care Student of the Year award winner who earned a bachelor's degree at Indiana University of Pennsylvania before enrolling in BC3's 70-credit program and while working as a certified nursing assistant at Concordia Lutheran Ministries, an assisted living facility in Cabot.

Marsh graduated from BC3 in May, passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses and is a dialysis nurse at an outpatient clinic in Seven Fields.

The 32 employers and resource partners in the 18-year-old consortium honored Green, a married father of four from Herman, another healthcare student and 24 healthcare workers during the organization's Health Care Worker Recognition Event on Jan. 23 in Prospect.

Green and his wife, Jennifer, are parents of boys ages 8, 5 and 4, and of a 6-month-old daughter. He is a 2005 graduate of Ford City High School, and also earned an associate degree in nuclear medicine from the Community College of Allegheny County in 2008.



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## Consortium recognizes "future workforce"

The X-ray technician and former nuclear medicine staff technologist at Butler Memorial Hospital, where he has worked for 14 years, said he enrolled in BC3's Nursing, R.N., program to expand his career options, and because "I like being able to associate with people and to take care of them if they need help. You might find people who don't have much of a support system, and you get to spend a lot of time with them."

Following his expected graduation from BC3 in May, Green said he plans to continue his education to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

“He is very dedicated to the field and a hard worker,” said Mary Salony, assistant director of the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Butler, and secretary of a Butler County Health Care Consortium that recognizes student leaders “because they are our future workforce.

“The healthcare industry needs employees and (the consortium) wants to recognize people who have taken the time to get their training.”

Registered nursing is expected to see a 12 percent increase in jobs through 2028, according to the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics. Registered nursing was among the Top 24 paying occupations in 2019 that require only an associate degree, with a median salary of \$68,450, according to GetEducated.com.

## Award winner “absolutely a positive role model”

Green has exhibited leadership skills among his fellow students while enrolled in BC3’s Nursing, R.N., program, said Dr. Patty Annear, dean of BC3’s Shaffer School of Nursing and Allied Health.

“I think he helps to motivate and to drive his fellow classmates,” Annear said. “It’s not all about Phil. He cares about his classmates. He cares about his success and their success. I think he has potential to be a real patient advocate because of those qualities that I see in him.

“He is absolutely a positive role model and certainly has the potential to be a leader in healthcare.”

Green, said Heather Darrington, an instructor in BC3’s Nursing, R.N., program, “has the best attitude. He is caring. He strives to learn. He helps out anyone who might even possibly need help. He’s always there, always has a smile on his face, always asking questions, always wanting to learn more.”

His co-workers would describe him as knowledgeable, calm and hard-working, said Green, who also attends clinical training at Armstrong County Memorial Hospital in Kittanning two days a week as part of BC3’s program.

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“Being calm is important because there are going to be situations in the field, or in your family life, when you are going to have to deal with things on multiple levels,” Green said. “Being able to remain calm, and focused on a goal, is important.

“And I hope that someday, if I am ever in that situation, somebody will be able to take care of me and reflect with me.”

Madison Rees, a health assistant student at the Butler County Area Vocational Technical School, also received a Health Care Student of the Year award from the Butler County Health Care Consortium.

Among the 13,705 employees in the healthcare and social assistance fields who represented 16 percent of Butler County's workforce in December, according to the state Department of Labor & Industry's Center for Workforce Information and Analysis, who were honored during the Butler County Health Care Worker Recognition Event were:

Quality Life Services: Taylor Akins, registered nurse supervisor, Sarver; Amanda Codisport, certified nurse aide, Chicora Medical Center; Barbara Johnston, environmental service director, Sarver; and Autumn Schreiber, certified nurse aid, Sarver.

Quality Life Services/Quality Medical Associates: Lena McLaughlin, certified registered nurse practitioner.

Concordia Visiting Nurses: Dawn Bastin, administrative assistant, therapy department; Megan Dailey, field registered nurse.

Newhaven Court at Clearview: Mary Beatty, volunteer; Tiffany Green, licensed practical nurse supervisor; and Faith Kaltenbach, dining experience server.

Lutheran SeniorLIFE Visiting Nurses Association of Western Pennsylvania Hospice and Palliative Care: Abby Campbell, registered nurse; Judith Valdivia, hospice volunteer.

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LIFE Butler County: Victoria Croft, social worker; Luella Frain, licensed practical nurse, community care coordinator; pastor Tara Lynn, volunteer.

Good Samaritan Hospice: Karen Hickey, volunteer; Trudy Scarborough, registered nurse case manager.

Grane Hospice Care: Brandy Jordan, pampered patient coordinator

Sunnyview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center: Susan Nickle, licensed practical nurse; Cheryl Rensel, administrative assistant.

Transitions Healthcare Autumn Grove Care Center: Donna Ross, volunteer; Tammy Steele, certified nurse aide; Gwen Stitt, laundry aide.