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**Carey Ertel, RN Named Business Outreach Coordinator
at West Florida Healthcare**

PENSACOLA, FL – **Carey Ertel**, RN has been named Business Outreach Coordinator at West Florida Healthcare. In her new role, Ertel will help local companies create a culture of health in their workplaces by providing employee health screenings as well as ongoing health education and resources. In turn, employees will be better able to maintain their health, prevent disease and reduce risky behaviors while employers will be able to save on medical costs, decrease absenteeism and contribute to a productive workforce. She will also serve as a liaison for area businesses and assist them with their unique healthcare needs.

Ertel earned her RN degree at Aultman Hospital School of Nursing in Canton, Ohio. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Family Life/Child Psychology from Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Ertel has more than ten years of nursing experience, primarily in women's and children's health. In her most recent position, she served as Senior Community Health Nurse for the Florida Department of Health's "Healthy Start" program. In that position, she provided pregnancy, childbirth and newborn care education to at-risk women as well as case management services to prenatal clients and newborns at risk for unfavorable outcomes. She also monitored and provided support to clients and assessed potential clients for admission to the program.

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Ertel gained additional experience in health education when she served as a School Health Nurse at a local high school. In that position, she performed health screenings and made referrals, taught health topics in the classroom and served as health liaison for students, parents, faculty and staff.

About West Florida Healthcare

The first hospital in the area to offer all private rooms, West Florida Healthcare proudly provides market-leading quality outcomes performance. Named for the second year in a row as one of the “100 Top Hospitals” in the nation by Truven Health Analytics, the facility has also been recognized as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for five years in a row by The Joint Commission, earned an “A” rating in patient safety from The Leapfrog Group for three consecutive reporting periods, and named by *Becker’s Hospital Review* to its 2016 national list of “100 Great Community Hospitals.” The area’s first Accredited Chest Pain Center and Breast Imaging Center of Excellence, West Florida Hospital is also the first hospital in the state of Florida to have earned Atrial Fibrillation with Electrophysiology Services Accreditation. The hospital is also an Advanced Primary Stroke Center and offers specialized Emergency Department services tailored specifically to the needs of seniors as well as a Kids’ ER dedicated to serving the emergency medical needs of children. The West Florida Healthcare campus includes the all private room acute care hospital, the area’s only comprehensive, CARF-accredited physical rehabilitation hospital, and a mental health facility. Affiliated with HCA, the nation’s leading provider of healthcare, West Florida Healthcare meets the community’s healthcare needs in major services such as cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, oncology, orthopedics, robotic-assisted surgery, critical care, neurology/neurosurgery, emergency care, urology, behavioral health, gastroenterology, obstetrics, pulmonary, and rehabilitative medicine. For more information, visit www.westfloridahospital.com or call (850) 494-3212.

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