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**CARLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAMED FOR CARLE-ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF
MEDICINE**

Urbana, Ill. – Kayla Banks, RN, PhD, has been named Carle’s Executive Director of the Carle-Illinois College of Medicine. She will be responsible for overseeing Carle’s efforts related to planning, accreditation, and the ultimate successful establishment and on-going operations of the new College of Medicine.

During her nearly five years at Carle Health System, Dr. Banks has served as a Quality Coordinator, Hospital Quality Outcomes Manager and most recently as Director of Clinical Outcomes. She also holds adjunct faculty positions at Illinois Wesleyan University and University of Illinois at Chicago. Prior to joining Carle, she was a clinical nurse and Education Coordinator at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. She earned a PhD in Nursing, Master’s degree in Nursing Administration from University of Illinois at Chicago and Bachelor’s degree in Nursing from University of Iowa.

Dr. Banks is the first person hired at Carle devoted exclusively to the formation and operations of the Carle-Illinois College of Medicine. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will also add a counterpart. The two will help lead the collaborative team that works to enable launch and on-going success of the Carle-Illinois College of Medicine in a way that meets the strategic vision of Carle, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the broader community.

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