Radford University and Free Clinic of Pulaski

Partners in Health Care Education and Community Service

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Funding

Partnership that began in 2014 facilitated by a three-year grant of more than \$750,000 from U.S. Human Resources and Service Administration (HRSA)

Advanced Nursing Education- CARE Grant include initiatives to further:

- Interprofessional Education (IPE) and practice
- Development of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) concentration
- Development of SON Continuing Education programs

Teammates

- Free Clinic of Pulaski
- Waldron College of Health and Human Services
 - School of Nursing
 - School of Social Work
 - Department of Occupational Therapy
 - Physical Therapy
- College of Education and Human Development
 - Department of Health Education and Health Promotion

Mission

 Break down silos between disciplines and practices, a current best practice in healthcare education

- Enhance individual healthcare delivery and student education in health services by collaborating with providers
- Serve a vulnerable population: adults 18-65 without health insurance.

Educational Impact

Advance the learning of professional healthcare students with:

- Clinical experience opportunities
- Online didactic modules on interprofessional education and practice concepts, health literacy and Appalachian culture

Community Impact

Served more than 720 clients

- uninsured
- coping with mental and chronic health problems

Patient Reflection

John, a 41 year old single male, with chronic back pain, anxiety, and depression commented:

"Good experience, I was made to feel very comfortable. It was nice to have different insights from the different departments. The most memorable visits were with Dr. Sheila using Occupational Therapy."

Patient Reflection

- 64 year old, single female with history of substance use, chronic pain, borderline personality disorder, estranged from family.
- https://vimeo.com/204178618/7182fb1a0b

Educational Impact

- In two years, 21 Radford students have participated in 4,500 clinical hours and valuable interprofessional collaborative experiences
- Students have made patient-focused presentations and healthcare contributions
- Faculty have distributed helpful healthcare-related publications and information
- Developed data for grant-related research:
 - Client outcomes
 - Student learning outcomes

Radford University Faculty & Student Reflections



Future Developments

- Incorporate College of Humanities and Behavioral Science teammates from:
 - Counseling Psychology
 - Criminal Justice

Participate in a pilot Telehealth program with VCU and UVA

The Free Clinic and Radford University Partnership

A unique, ongoing, mutually beneficial, faculty-led community partnership in alliance with Radford University's strategic areas of focus:

Community outreach
Student success

Thank you!

