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Grant Keeps Nursing Students, Community, Linked

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from [York County Community Foundation](#), York College's Nurse Managed Centers have been able to provide consistent and uninterrupted care to patients while the college is closed for winter break.



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The College's [Nurse Managed Centers](#) provide preventive care to patients in hope of keeping them from hospitalization. The centers, which are located in several York City neighborhoods, also serve as a place for York College nursing students to get hands-on experience in the community through clinical classes.

The Centers' Director, Audra Johns, stresses the need for continuity of services to the elderly and the mentally, physically, and economically disadvantaged people who rely on the centers for preventive care and education. "Our nursing students work with patients in 14 week rotations while the college is in session," explains Ms. Johns. "They develop trusting relationships, and if we break the cycle, the benefits of those relationships would be lost."

Ms. Johns also notes that the program allows nursing students to learn more about the community they live in during their college career. "The program is like an educational lab," she says. "The clinical experience helps our student nurses develop cultural competence, which is necessary for professional practice."

For more of the story, [read](#) the article from the York Daily Record.
