

2024 Innovations in Professional Nursing Education Awards

Public Colleges and Universities Category



The [Old Dominion University Community Care Clinic \(ODU-CCC\)](#) was created to support 4 faculty/nurse-led, student-run clinics within the community. The clinics consist of a homeless clinic, a mobile healthcare clinic, pop-up clinics, and a clinic in a housing resource center.

ODU-CCC has accomplished three major goals. The first is to provide real-life clinical experiences that prepare undergraduate, graduate, and doctorate nursing students to:

- 1) Collaborate intra- and inter-professionally.
- 2) Address social determinants of health.
- 3) Utilize technology to break down barriers to care.

The second goal is to provide optimal care to underserved populations such as the homeless and those in remote rural areas through both in-person and telehealth visits.

The third goal is to give faculty sites for clinical practice, oversight of students, and robust research opportunities. The clinics are evaluated routinely through surveys, focus groups, and chart audits to provide for Rapid Quality Cycle Improvement. Specific focus is on:

- 1) Student competency outcomes such as knowledge, skills, and impact of the clinic.
- 2) Patient outcomes including improved access, compliance, and clinical improvement.
- 3) Impact on faculty. Faculty mentor and evaluate their students as they see patients in each of the clinic thus further assessing their competencies.

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