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Community Benefit in Action:
Meadville Medical Center
Community Impact Spotlight: Fiscal Year 2023

A New Institute for Health Care Professionals

Meadville Medical Center is leading an effort to grow its community's health care workforce.

This year, the hospital launched the **MMC Institute for Healthcare Professionals**. The institute is the center's first educational-based program for individuals interested in pursuing health care-related careers. Students will finish the one-year program as a practical nurse and take their boards to be licensed. The program addresses a local need as another county nursing program ceased operations earlier this year.



"Preserving a strong workforce of nurses has been a challenge for a long time," said Valerie Waid, chief nurse executive at MMC. "The impact of persistent, national nursing shortages can devastate rural hospitals. I believe that this program will assist us to provide quality care to our patients, while providing excellent job opportunities."

