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Nurse Appreciation Week: Thank you to our DOC nursing staff!

This Nurses Week it is important to highlight the dedication and commitment of Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) nurses, who serve some of the state's most underserved individuals.

Unfortunately, the specialty of correctional nursing is not widely recognized. But, nurses who serve in corrections are in an extraordinary category all their own. Not only do our nurses have broad medical and mental health experience, they also have deep compassion to help individuals find hope and healing in some of their darkest hours.

Individuals housed in DOC facilities often come to us with extensive health care needs. From severe dental needs to substance abuse disorders to mental health disorders to heart disease and even cancer. To serve these individuals, the Wisconsin DOC currently employs 308 registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, as well as 24 advanced practice nurses. These individuals aid populations in both the adult and the juvenile DOC facilities.

A number of DOC facilities are now serving as clinical sites for student clinical practicums, which Carr and Muse hope brings increased attention to the rewards of a nursing career in corrections.

Every day, DOC nurses demonstrate the noble value that humans do not lose their value just because they committed an offense. They should be commended and celebrated for their hard work, selflessness, and service to the State of Wisconsin.