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Dr. Kathy Maloney has served as the Director of Health Services for 15 years. Prior to coming to Monmouth, Dr. Maloney finished with her BSN from Georgetown University, and completed her master's in business at George Washington University. She also finished her Doctor of Nursing Practice at Loyola University New Orleans. She worked as a Registered Nurse at Children's Hospital in Boston, George Washington University Hospital, Georgetown Hospital, and Monmouth Medical. After nursing she became the director for education for JFK Medical Center and kept that role for 11 years. Monmouth University is the only University that Dr. Maloney has worked at, where she started as a family nurse practitioner, and psychiatric nurse practitioner.

The University's Health Center provides urgent care for its students and employees and treats acute illnesses, but it is not a primary doctor. Since Dr. Maloney took the role of director, many things have changed over the years. When she first arrived, there were only 2 nurse practitioners and one consulting physician, and the hours of the health center were Monday through Friday, 8:45 am to 5 pm. There was no rapid testing for things such as mono and strep, lab testing, or medications. In the summer, there was only one person in the center to see students and employees. Today, the health center has significantly changed with the help of Dr. Maloney. As of Fall 2017, the hours of the center are Monday through Thursday 8 am to 7 pm, and 8 am to 5 pm on Fridays. A lot more testing happens such as mono, strep, and pregnancy. Another addition is GYN exams, which was limited before. The health center now is constantly sending out blood work and has an extensive amount of STD testing. According to Dr. Maloney,

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the technology has changed as well as the outreach. The center also gets more use of its sick bay where students can rest with an IV, and the physician hours have become less because they now function at a high level. Another addition that Dr. Maloney added to the health center was a full-time substance counselor.

The health center does not charge its students, but an insurance card is required. The health center not only accommodates its students and employees with the utmost care, but it is also a teaching facility for NP students. Many changes have been made over the 15 years that Dr. Kathy Maloney has been to Monmouth, and she hopes that they will continue to change and grow in the future.