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Payton Construction Completes Massachusetts College of Pharmacy's Living and Learning Center

Downtown Worcester Facility Houses Laboratories, Faculty Offices and Graduate Student Apartments

BOSTON, Mass. – April 2006 – The largest pharmacy college in the United States began its sixth academic year in Worcester, Massachusetts last year with the opening of its new $20-million Living and Learning Center, a nine-story, 90,000 s.f. facility located in the heart of the city. Built in 1913, it was carefully renovated by Payton Construction and now serves as a multi-use educational facility.

The building includes multi-purpose classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices and conference rooms, as well as street-level retail space and five floors of apartment style residences for 200 graduate students. The laboratories recreate clinical environments for experiential instruction and include an intensive care unit, patient beds and state-of-the-art imaging technology and support systems. A ninth floor was added to the building and includes a roof terrace and an executive boardroom that offers sweeping views of the city and surrounding hillsides.

The academic medical spaces that were programmed, designed and built include a Patient Assessment Lab that offers multi-purpose teaching space for physician assistant, nursing, imaging tech and respiratory therapy students. Teaching students can physically examine patients in the 10 cubicles, each of which contains an exam table, otoscope, ophthalmoscope, x-ray viewing stations and other equipment. The audio/visual system is designed to support a digital projector and screen for group instruction.

In the Skills Technology Lab, teaching students learn multiple skills needed in the inpatient care environment. Eight cubicles are equipped to simulate medical and intensive care inpatient stations within visibility of the instructor. Each cubicle contains a hospital bed, medical gases, pulse monitoring, nurse call and a computer station for charting.

Future spaces to be built include Imaging Suites, equipped with diagnostic ultrasound, image processing and a general radiology room, as well as a Respiratory Therapy Lab, which will include hexagonal benches for instructing respiratory therapy students how to maintain ventilators and other equipment.

The Living and Learning Center is the second successful collaboration in Worcester between the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and Payton Construction, who previously completed the historic renovation of an adjacent 56,000 s.f. building in just eight months.

Project Team

General Contractor: Payton Construction Corporation
Architect: Perkins + Will
Owner: Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

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