## 22. Update (and Consolidate, if Feasible) Allied Health Labs.

#### Goal A12

A12. Reconsideration of Allied Health program labs to see where updating is required and if alternative configurations could result in more efficient space usage.

#### **Problem Statement**

The Allied Health programs occupy a significant amount of highly specialized space in the West Building that is underutilized in terms of scheduled hours per week. In addition, there are specific issues on a program basis.

The Diagnostic Medical Imaging (W2-14) has a significant shortage of storage space. In addition, there is a need for more student access to computers. This may be best addressed by creating a laptop classroom that could be utilized by other Allied Health Programs as well rather than creating a specific PC classroom that would be used on only a limited basis by Diagnostic Medical Imaging.

The Nursing Department, which uses W2-47 and W2-48 for large group instruction, needs these instructional resources to be converted to a smart classroom configuration. Conversion of these classrooms needs to consider the fact that neither classroom is ADA compliant. The Nursing classrooms (W2-15, W2-16 and W2-22) are cramped and more storage space is required. Of particular concern is the fact that needles and medical supplies are not stored in an environment that is as secured as desirable.

The Dental Clinic needs a way to create an opportunity for student access to computers within the instructional process. A laptop approach may be more feasible than creation of a PC environment.

Medical Assisting has an instructional room which combines two functions: didactic instruction and laboratory instruction. The accreditation standards for Medical Assisting require that there be a separate lab. It is possible that a sharing of space with Medical Laboratory Technology could provide a resolution to this issue and make more efficient use of available space in the West Building.

In general, there is a need to assess all of the Allied Health Programs, to provide appropriate face-lifting treatments to areas that have become deteriorated after twenty years of hard use; and to find ways to make more efficient and effective use of available space including, where possible, the sharing of resources such as a



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computer classroom. In addition, there is a need to ensure that the classrooms will be able to take advantage of future technology in the Allied Health Programs and ensure that all specialized program spaces comply with accreditation standards.

### **Proposed Solution**

### **Cost Estimate**

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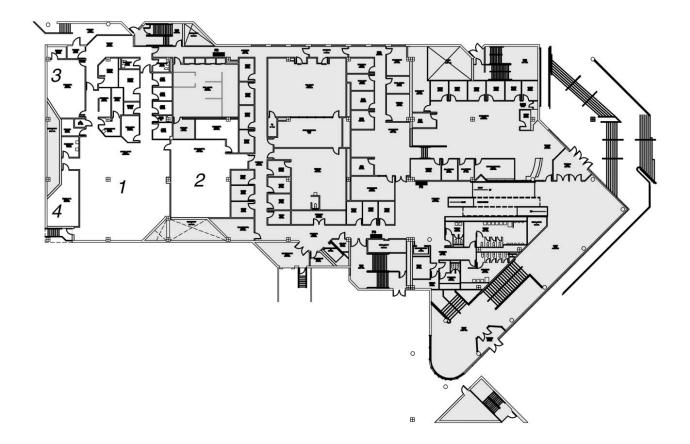
Total Construction Cost (based on 9,800 square feet)\$572,980.00

(Note: All estimates are in 2003 dollars. On average, construction costs increase 1% to 2% per year. See detailed cost estimate prepared by Turner Construction in Appendix A)



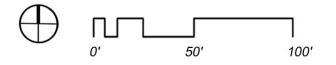


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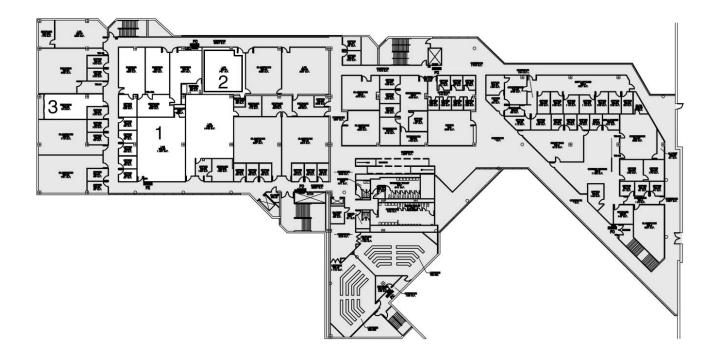
# West 1

- 1 Dental Clinic
- 2 Allied Health Program Lab
- 3 Computer Classroom
- 4 Dental Lab

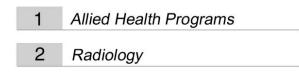




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