Competitiveness:
Raising the Bar for Allied Health Education at Community Colleges

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Today’s Presentation Will

- Profile ECC’s Health & Life Sciences building
- Highlight key investments in learning spaces
- Share lessons learned in the first year
- Preview next steps planned
Allied Health Professions
Job Prospects

• 5,000,000 allied healthcare providers in the US

• 60% educated in community colleges

• Shortages due to: expanding health industry, retirements, demand for new competencies

• Community colleges and universities are competing for students

• Lack of clinical experiences for hands-on training
Health & Life Sciences Building
Creating a Vision

The Elgin Community College Health & Life Sciences Building provides innovation in educating health care professionals for the community.
Decision Making Rationales

- Building has the feel of a hospital
- Students develop skills through experiential learning
Special Lab Features

- Overhead cameras
- Non-energized x-ray unit
- Massage wet rooms
- Boom for endoscopy
Simulation Center

- Rooms that resemble hospital patient rooms
- High fidelity mannequins
Simulation Center

- Functional headwalls
- Opportunities for interdisciplinary learning
Classroom Configurations

- Mobile furniture
- Comfortable seating
- Situated close to labs
- Locker rooms nearby
Onsite Clinics

- 8 dental operators
- 10 massage tables
- Dedicated parking lot
Collaborative Spaces

- Response to millennial generation
- Accommodate 8-12 people
- Glass windows and doors
- Highly utilized
- White boards and plasma screens are key
LESSONS LEARNED

What we should have done differently
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What we can’t live without
Next Steps

• New programming
• Continuing Education workshops
• Health clinic
Key Take-aways

Facilities and equipment are key in preparing students today

Connection with Design Team is critical

Don’t forget about expense of warranties!
Questions?

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