The Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy

The Project:

The addition to William Levine Hall on the Busch Campus will be built according to the campus’s master plan for a pharmacy school expansion. The envisioned 48,000 square foot building addition will house teaching and laboratory space including: two 300 seat auditoriums, a two-story glass atrium, two collaborative practice simulation laboratories (community practice and hospital settings), classrooms, administrative pharmacy practice space, as well as laboratories for basic research in the pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences. Of particular importance, is the addition of an IV admixture room for training all students in the preparation of sterile intravenous medications.

Project Benefits:

Pharmacy students at Rutgers today are preparing to enter a much more patient-focused, clinically-driven interdisciplinary healthcare profession. While completing the rigorous science, research-based, and pharmacotherapeutic components that form the core of the six-year curriculum, they increasingly require training and practice in counseling patients to provide medication therapy management; interacting with other healthcare providers, such as physicians, nurses, and physician assistants; and acquiring new skills that prepare them for a healthcare delivery system that will rely more on critical thinking and their extensive knowledge base.

Current space constraints make it difficult to hold lectures, convene conferences, provide students with real-world experiences, or provide adequate small-group learning opportunities for student teams working together on case studies and presentations that form an increasingly central part of their education. Advancement of the students’ education is only achievable with a new building addition.