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Health Expansion

Niagara College's Health expansion is a strategic priority addressing Ontario's urgent healthcare crisis. It supports significant and meaningful growth to help fill provincial workforce shortfalls in nursing, personal support workers, paramedicine and other related professions. It also provides new community hubs where patients will receive care, including dental care and physiotherapies.



THE EXPANSION:

- Adds **75,000 square feet** of new teaching labs, classrooms patient care and community spaces,
- Allows for **25-65% more students** to applied health programs such as nursing, personal support worker, paramedic and dental hygiene and assisting,
- Creates **new community hubs** to provide expanded patient care,
- Includes a new **Centre for Technology in Healthcare** that uses state-of-the-art virtual reality and other simulators to better prepare healthcare students for the workforce.



The new state-of-the-art Centre for Technology in Healthcare will:

- Feature **new and expanded virtual reality teaching labs**, where students can experience real-life simulations as they prepare for their healthcare professions,
- Expand the number of patient simulations,
- Allow students to learn with the technology and applications they will be using in the field,
- Help improve student success upon graduation.

Practical Nursing

Massage Therapy

Paramedic

Occupational Therapist
Assistant and
Physiotherapist Assistant

Pharmacy



The Expansion



Practical Nursing Program

- Increase student capacity for the BScN program to address growing demand.
- Add classrooms, clinical labs, and simulation spaces to accommodate larger cohort sizes.

Personal Support Worker Program

- Enhance practical training opportunities and upskilling pathways to increase student intake and boost graduation rates.

Dental Hygiene Program

- Double clinic operatories.
- Double radiography labs.

Dental Assisting Program

- Double student capacity.
- Share radiology lab with Dental Hygiene.

Paramedic Program

- Increase student capacity by 25%.
- Add vehicle extraction space.
- Add high bay space with mezzanine for simulated training.

Pharmacy Technician Program

- Increase student capacity by 33%.

Massage Therapy Program

- Increase student capacity by 66%.
- Include changerooms, private consultation rooms, and shared laundry.

Classroom & Flex Space:

- Add one large and one small classroom for multi-purpose use for all Health Sciences programs.

NEW ACADEMIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Offer shared spaces for community groups, agencies, and initiatives to continuously meet diverse community needs and benefit both students and residents.

NEW HUB AND COMMUNITY SPACES

- Deliver accessible healthcare services through student-run clinics that address critical healthcare needs and provide experiential learning experiences.

NEW CENTRE FOR TECHNOLOGY IN HEALTHCARE

- Expand and enlarge Virtual Reality simulators.
- Add more opportunities to simulate real-world clinical conditions inside the classroom.
- Prepare students for the conditions and circumstances that they will need to manage in the workforce.
- Leverage technology to improve student outcomes, retention, and success.





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