

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER AND CLASSROOM BUILDING CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO  
*San Francisco, California*



**Design Features**

- Treatment and Exam Rooms
- Triage
- Health Consultation
- Psychological Consultation
- Health Education
- High Profile Corner of Campus

**Size: 20,000 SF**

**Construction Cost: \$9.7 Million**

**Completion: June 2006**

The City College of San Francisco Student Health Center, as it is known today, began as part of a combined project of a new athletics, physical education and health care complex. The challenge of providing a community health and wellness facility is a rigorous programming exercise by any standard. In order for any facility to serve its community in a meaningful way, an assessment must be made of what the needs of that community are. Through community forums, meetings with the Chancellors office, facilities department, the school dean, and the heads of the physical education, athletics and healthcare departments, the information was gathered that became the basis of the design. As the result of a thorough programming process, it was determined that the student health center facility would be best served in their own building on campus.

As a result of the shortcomings of the existing building, the staff at the Student Health Center had a very clear idea of how a new facility could better support its mission. Primarily, a new building would increase staff efficiency through proper adjacencies and intelligent space planning. It should meet the current industry standards for a medical clinic environment. It must house golf carts used by the clinic staff for travel on campus and provide access to off-campus emergency service, especially by ambulance. Security is important for both students and staff. The community role City College plays as staging and supply site during a disaster for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Red Cross must be considered in a new facility.

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**Circulation and Campus Completion**

The new Student Health Center serves as an anchor to the northwest corner of the Ocean Avenue Campus. Its simple, durable materials integrate with the existing buildings to create a consistent texture within the campus architecture.

The Student Health Centers strategic design utilizes the site grade changes to provide a gateway from the student parking lot across Phelan Avenue, to an accessible path of travel to the main campus thoroughfare, Cloud Circle. This exterior circulation also connects the Student Health Center building to the adjacent Arts Extension Center, which sits a full story above the grade of the new Health Center. The topography is literally bridged between the two buildings, creating a dynamic connection to the rest of the CCSF facilities.

The project allowed the college to remove ten aging portable classrooms. The ground floor entrance to the Student Health clinic, emphasized with shallow retaining walls and appealing landscaping, faces onto the site of a future quad. This future northern quad is an important component of the City College ongoing campus master plan.

Exterior circulation separates the programs of the health facility from that of the classrooms, maintaining the privacy of student patients while keeping an academic focus upstairs. Exterior signage and lighting assist with way finding and security.



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#### Student Health Clinic

The interiors are designed with function, performance and sustainability in mind. Herman Miller's Milcare systems furniture was specified and installed for the Nurse Station and patient room furniture. This system is the professional standard for hospital and clinic furniture. The design emphasizes ergonomics, cleanliness and materials that provide a sterile environment in health care facilities. Solid surface counter tops and task lighting create an efficient work center for the staff.

The space planning is sensitive to patient privacy, offering acoustical separation for discrete triage and patient registration.

The materials selected are durable and easily maintained. The rubber flooring is highly stain resistant to the chemicals that may be used and spilled in a health care setting. The rubber adds to the acoustical properties in the corridors, reducing the noise and providing a cushioning affect.



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### Second Floor Classrooms

The upper level of the Student Health Center and Classroom Building contains ten interdisciplinary classrooms. Using simple geometry and efficient structural grids, each classroom provides seating for 30+ students. The large, operable windows provide bright day lighting. By optimizing the marine environment at the City College location, the operable windows reduce energy consumption by eliminating the need for cooling and ventilation. Double restrooms and vending machines complete the second floor academic setting. Durable linoleum flooring and a classic color palette create a fresh atmosphere for learning.

Support spaces on the First floor include a conference center with seating for 12 and a break room with adjacent locker room and restrooms for staff only.

