

APPLIED HEALTH INSTITUTE, WELLAND CAMPUS

The Applied Health Institute, designed to anticipate the future healthcare training needs of the Niagara Region and the province of Ontario, provides for the establishment of permanent facilities for the Registered Practical Nurse and Personal Support Worker programs, which must vacate their leased St. Catharines facilities in 2010.



Applied Health Institute

The new Applied Health Institute will add new classrooms and labs, expanding space in existing applied health programs including Paramedic, Therapeutic Recreation, Pharmacy Assistant, Occupational Therapist/Physiotherapist, Assistant Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene.

The Institute will also be home to our new Community Wellness Clinic, which will create opportunities for a variety of health and wellness programs and services. The clinic will serve as an example of interprofessional education and community collaboration.

An important component will be the relocated and expanded dental clinic, equipped with the latest, state-of-the-art equipment. This institute will provide easier access to the dental services provided to people in the community. Community programs such as the **Shiny Smiles for All** project can be continued and potentially expanded. This program provides dental treatment for children, from 20 area elementary schools, who don't have access to dental coverage. Now in its third year, the project is a partnership among Niagara College Dental programs, the United Way of South Niagara, the Niagara Peninsula Dental Association and Regional Niagara Public Health Dental Programs.



The Institute will also allow for the future development of new programs serving the health and wellness of the Niagara Region, including potential programs, such as Gerontology, Addictions Counseling, Mental Health Worker, Children's Mental Health Worker and Elder Care Advocate.

Benefits

- 100,000 sq. ft. building including new classroom and lab spaces
- Consolidate eight existing applied health programs and the creation of seven new programs
- Create 700 new spaces in high demand applied health programs
- Focus on community wellness
- 350-seat auditorium to host public presentations and activities
- Space for community clinics to provide clinical opportunities for students a range of programs
- Simulation laboratories, where students can practice on computer controlled, life-like mannequins, improving lab-based learning and clinical placement effectiveness
- Expanded dental clinic with state-of-the-art facilities to provide real world opportunities for students and easier access to the community



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