UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

UW HEALTH SCIENCES

A NEW VISION FOR HEALTH SCIENCES IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR EVERYONE

Patients deserve the best care and the best health outcomes. Pandemics like COVID-19 underscore that more than ever, but we need equitable, quality care to be accessible to all patients, each and every day, regardless of where they live or what their socioeconomic status is. This requires health professionals to have the ability to work effectively in teams to deliver that excellent standard of care and safeguard the health of our communities and the millions of people who live in them.

Fifty years ago, the average person was under the care of three health professionals. Now, the average healthy person relies on 16 professionals for their overall health care. But as patients' healthcare networks have grown, studies show that 80% of patient safety issues are related to problems in communication. We envision a future where patients benefit from the combined care of seamlessly integrated teams — dentists, nurses, pharmacists, physicians, public health professionals and social workers who have trained together from the beginning, learning the skills to maximize the quality of their care as a team and minimize the risk of communication errors.

Integrated patient care is the most important investment we can make for the future of health sciences. A collaborative, team-based approach — for research, education and practice — contributes to a healthier public and more cost-effective outcomes, which in turn expand access to care.

BETTER TRAINING THROUGH INTERPROFESSIONAL HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATION

As health care evolves toward an interprofessional approach, training for this integrated model must also evolve. Such learning requires more than a classroom — it requires a learning ecosystem with robust

library resources that will prepare students to communicate, work and lead in an integrated, collaborative environment.

In addition to collaborative space and shared resources, the interprofessional health sciences education building will incorporate new health-care education technology to train UW health professionals together in the skills and knowledge that are core to all the health sciences and in methods that will reduce gaps in safety, efficiency, equity and effectiveness. This new building will also incorporate distance-learning access and technology to support our students who work and learn throughout the five-state region of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho, including many rural and underserved communities.

The UW is uniquely poised to create one of the nation's first integrated training facilities, where health professionals practice and train together. The University has a full suite of world-ranked health sciences programs — dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health and social work — that are co-located on campus and already emphasize collaboration. Currently, about a third of the health sciences curriculum is being shared across disciplines, and UW faculty anticipate that will continue growing in the future, enabled by the new building. The COVID pandemic has demonstrated the value of this collaboration as the health sciences worked swiftly together to train their students to administer COVID vaccines to the people of Washington.

The Washington state Legislature has committed to providing \$70 million of this \$100 million project. The University is seeking an additional \$30 million in private support from community members and foundations.

BUILDING FOR A HEALTHIER FUTURE

The University of Washington, with investment from the state of Washington, is taking a major step: the development of a new, state-of-the-art building to transform how we teach students to work together more effectively as a team of health professionals that cares for millions of people.

The new health sciences education building is a once-in-a-lifetime project that will enable the UW to transform the future of health care.

Located in the heart of the UW's south campus (on NE Pacific Street adjacent to T Wing, I Wing and Hitchcock Hall), this new 110,000-square-foot building will:

- Provide students with flexible, high-tech learning spaces, including computer simulation, mock treatment labs and remote-learning access
- Create a hub for the health sciences schools to foster interaction, collaboration and cutting-edge learning
- Attract and retain talented students and faculty driven to improve health care through an integrated approach

JOIN US IN RESHAPING THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE

We invite you to help us transform the future of health sciences education. Your investment will provide a new state-of-the-art facility for UW students and faculty, advancing the field through interprofessional education and resulting in better patient care and health outcomes.

STUDENT LEARNING SPACES	QUANTITY	NAMING VALUE
Anatomy lab suite (100–150 students)	1 available (Level B)	\$2 million
Large classroom (140 students)	3 available (Levels 1 and 3)	\$1.5 million
Medium classroom (60 students)	5 available (Levels 1 and 2)	\$500,000
Skills lab suite (24 students)	1 available (Level 2)	\$1 million
Small classroom (20 students)	7 available (Levels B and 4)	\$250,000
Breakout-group space (8 students)	8 available (Levels B, 1, 2, and 4)	\$150,000
OTHER STUDENT SPACES		
Grand entryway	1 available (Level 1)	\$3 million
Outdoor courtyard	1 available (Exterior)	\$3 million
Outdoor terrace	1 available (Exterior)	\$1.5 million
Collaboration lobby	1 available (Level G)	\$1.5 million
Collaboration stair	1 available (Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4)	\$500,000
Interprofessional education (IPE) student lounge	1 available (Level 3)	\$500,000
IPE student kitchen	1 available (Level 3)	\$500,000
IPE library	1 available (Level 3)	\$500,000
Quiet study area	1 available (Level 4)	\$500,000
Study pod	7 available (Levels 2 and 4)	\$100.000