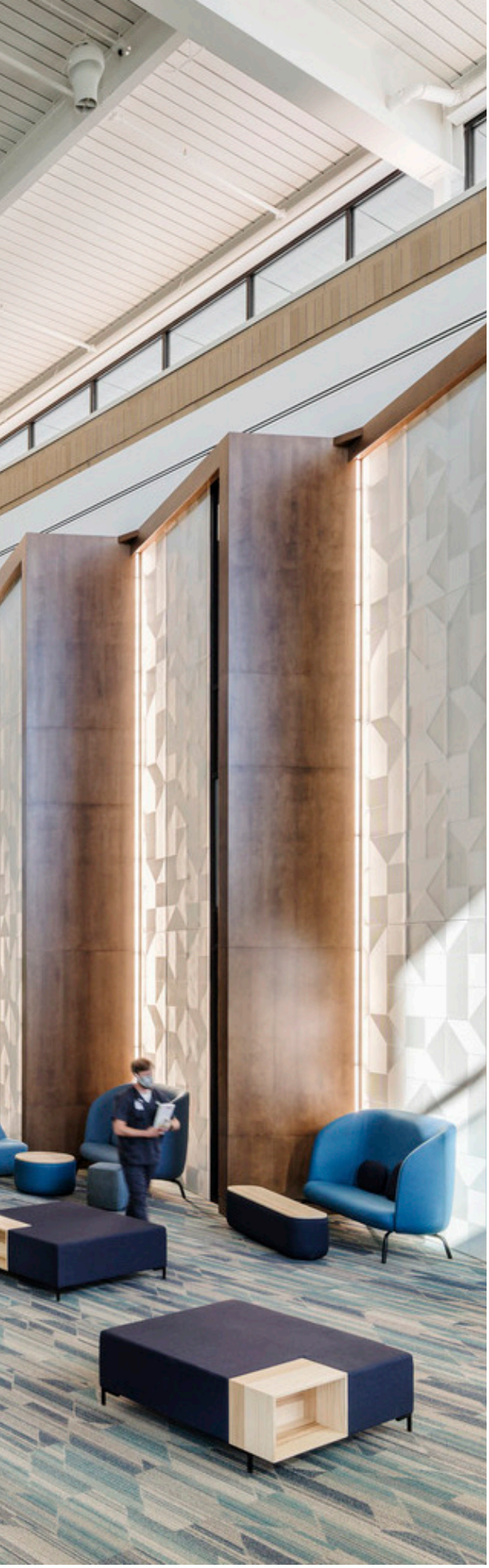


Front Range Community College New Health Care Career Center Opens



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The new $34.4 million Health Care Career Center at Front Range Community College officially opened its doors. Designed "to be better prepared to support health care needs in our communities and our frontline heroes," the facility is integrating technology, hands-on training and simulation in a safe learning environment to bring new health care workers and nurses to the workforce.

Our design-build team of Hord Coplan Macht and Haselden Construction recently completed the 61,000-square-foot Health Care Careers Center located on the Larimer campus. The new facility, coined Grays Peak, consolidates the college's health sciences programs into one state-of-the-art facility, including classrooms, skills labs, simulations labs, small group learning areas and collaborative space to support FRCC's health care programs. The center will educate frontline health care workers, providing students with the hands-on training and simulated medical settings with experience in "real world" environments.

The new building is located at the intersection of Shields Street and Harmony Road, at one of the busiest intersections in Fort Collins, making for a highly visible project site that provides an opportunity for the building to create a high-profile "gateway" to campus that also allows for a stronger community connection. It was designed to offer that sense of connection with the community with flexible spaces to grow and transform for future needs. Our team integrated and planned for a truly high-tech, hands-on learning environment that includes skills labs, simulation stations and collaborative work spaces to meet the current and future needs of the students and faculty.

The building design includes a high-profile atrium at the core of the building that reaches out toward the community at the intersection and pulls students into the building from the heart of campus. The center provides several community amenities, including the Front Range Dental Clinic, staffed by licensed dentists and dental hygienists, and offers clinical experience to students enrolled in the Dental Assisting program as well as dental care to the Northern Colorado community. It also provides a community connection with the integrative health







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program that offers massages, yoga classes and other wellness programs. The new facility will accommodate campus events, as well as provide a comfortable community space for students.

"Our new Health Care Careers Center is helping us educate more than 900 frontline health care workers each year for a variety of careers in the health and wellness field," said Andy Dorsey, president, Front Range Community College. This specialized facility gives students the high-tech, hands-on training they need to be prepared for real-life situations. We have the seventh-fastest growing state population in the U.S., with expected 200% growth in Colorado's over-65 population by 2050. As Colorado's population is booming and aging, FRCC is meeting the challenge of preparing the workers who can care for patients in Colorado. We already have an annual shortage of 500 nurses with bachelor's degrees in the state. This facility will help provide highly qualified care givers for people in our communities."

The Health Care Career Center offers a multidisciplinary health care curriculum and includes the following programs: Registered and Licensed Practical Nursing, Certified Nurse Aide, Phlebotomy, Medical Assisting, Medical Careers Exploration, Emergency Medical Services, Dental Assisting, Holistic Health, and Health and Wellness. The team is pursuing LEED Silver certification for the new facility.

"Health care has dramatically changed in recent years, impacting the demand for quality medical professionals, training and facilities," said Byron Haselden, president and CEO of Haselden Construction. "Our goal has always been to build state-of-the-art facilities to ensure that health care workers have access to the best possible resources and environment to maximize their learning. These folks are the future of the industry, and together with Front Range Community College, we're all building a better future for our communities."\\