

Introducing the new

PHARMACY SOUTH BUILDING

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY





From the Dean

*I*t has been a long journey, and I am very pleased to say that finally what started as a dream and a gleam in the eyes of a few is now a reality. This amazing building, which was proudly dedicated on September 10, 2009, is a rigorous, second-to-none teaching and research facility.

Pharmacy South is a \$44 million building that sits prominently beside its predecessor, the Robert C. Wilson building, which was completed in 1964. As early as the 1970s, plans were already underway for the 93,288 square-foot addition that would nearly equal the size of the Wilson building.

The new building resonates with the current generation of students, using the latest technological approaches to incorporate the philosophies of modern pharmacy education that will ensure that they meet the challenging needs of the current and future populations. Pharmacy South features state-of-the-art classrooms, auditoriums and teaching labs, complete with video recording and distance learning capabilities and wireless internet access. The Kroger Learning Center fosters a unique study and learning environment, and the Community and Hospital Pharmacy Care centers afford collaborative opportunities for students to learn important pharmacy practice skills.

Cutting edge research space includes common labs and equipment rooms and areas designated as neighborhoods where students and faculty can congregate to encourage and foster interactions and intellectual stimulation—the key ingredients for innovative research and scholarship.

With special thanks to the architects and designers, Pharmacy South is an inviting, warm, light and airy environment that supports human interactions and well being. In addition, Pharmacy South is the first research building on campus to be registered for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

We are deeply grateful to all of those who have made this possible. It has taken considerable diligence, cooperation and teamwork from many, many people and organizations, from Legislators and University Administrators to former Deans, Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Friends, to bring the Pharmacy South Addition to life. Together, we have constructed a new foundation to build upon the College's traditions of outstanding education, groundbreaking research and public service.

Please come along with me and take a look inside.



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“Everyone in the state has had a vested interest in the progress of the **Pharmacy South** addition, and our citizens deserve the first-rate care that will come from the students educated here.”

*Michael Adams, President,
The University of Georgia*





“Wow, this new addition is truly a state-of-the-art educational facility! Probably the most striking observation of this new **Pharmacy South** building is the sensation of light and airiness; the multiple windows to the outside continually remind the viewer of the public whom pharmacists serve, and the lofty ceilings and abundance of light lend a sense of inspiration and higher purpose indicative of the College’s high national ranking and leadership role in academic pharmaceutical sciences.”

Valerie Ng, Alameda County Medical Center/Highland General Hospital, Pharmacy Advisory Board



Auditoriums and Classrooms

The open floor plans of the 194-seat auditoriums on the first and second floors add flexibility to the lectures. Lecturers can move around to better engage the audience, and students can re-arrange seating for group discussions. Each seat has a microphone and an electrical/internet outlet; video monitors for recording and distance learning are placed at floor level so as not to restrict the view of the lecturer. Large windows allow natural lighting, and multiple thermostats control heating and cooling in four separate zones. In addition to the auditoriums are three 30-seat classrooms, one 15-seat seminar room and seven small discussion rooms, all designed to provide critical classroom and laboratory space to support the Doctor of Pharmacy and graduate programs.



The Kroger Learning Center

The Kroger Learning Center is a large, open room, equipped with study tables and computer stations. Located around the perimeter are seven small discussion rooms, three group seating areas, a copy services area, and the Millikan Educational Resources Center. The MERC houses the College's centralized videoconferencing and classroom monitoring equipment.





“The **Pharmacy South** building is an absolutely wonderful addition to the College of Pharmacy! We at Kroger are delighted to have played a role in the expansion in support of education and training for future pharmacists!”

*David Leitch ('73),
Atlanta Kroger
Metropolitan
Area Pharmacy
Merchandiser,
Pharmacy Advisory
Board*

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The Pharmacy Care Center

Nearly one half of the second floor is equipped as a Pharmacy Care Center, which includes the Strickland Community Pharmacy Care Center and the Bryan Hospital Pharmacy Care Center. These specialty pharmacy practice areas offer students a unique opportunity for learning collaborative skills in both community and hospital pharmacy settings. All areas of the Pharmacy Care Center have distance learning/recording capabilities.

Adjacent to the Strickland Community Pharmacy Care Center area are 10 Skills Alcoves that provide small group learning environments for compounding, patient examinations and patient counseling. Each alcove is equipped with cameras to record students' interactions and computers for reference and data entry.





The Strickland Community Pharmacy Care Center

The Strickland Community Pharmacy Care Center is part of the Pharmacy Care Center and features a Community Pharmacy with 24 work stations and a multi-purpose, 40-seat Pharmacy Skills Lab equipped with plasma TVs to view demonstrations.







The Bryan Hospital Pharmacy Care Center

The Bryan Hospital Pharmacy Care Center, also part of the Pharmacy Care Center, has 20 work stations, an IV Prep Room, a hospital bed for patient care and examinations, and a sterile products room with hoods equipped with recording monitors.

Research Laboratories

The large open research laboratories on the third and fourth floors of Pharmacy South allow for the expansion of research programs in drug discovery and delivery. The labs are designed so that scientists and students can interact in a collaborative environment. Work tables can be reconfigured depending on the equipment and space requirements of the researchers. A central equipment room facilitates sharing equipment and isolates the machinery noise away from the work areas. Also included in these lab areas are a dark room, two cold rooms, two radioisotope rooms, a library and 12 tissue culture rooms. Offices for faculty and postdoctoral and graduate students surround the central research space.





"The state-of-the-art laboratory space in **Pharmacy South** is among the finest for interdisciplinary pharmaceutical/ biomedical research in the nation and has already contributed to our ability to attract superb new faculty to the College."

Vasu Nair, William Henry Terry, Sr., Professor and University of Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar in Drug Discovery

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“The second floor Chancy Family Lounge, as well as the open lounges on other floors, provides a comfortable environment for students to socialize, study, and relax in between their strenuous classes.”

*Kyle Burcher, 2009-10
President, Academy of
Student Pharmacists*





Added Benefits

Pharmacy South is the first research building on campus to be registered for the Silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification. The facility features a biodiesel emergency generator, programmed climate control, a motion-controlled lighting system, and a chemical fume hood control system that is integrated with the building's heating and air conditioning system to minimize energy consumption.

In conjunction with the construction of Pharmacy South, the Wilson Building underwent a re-design of the first and second floors to accommodate individual needs for efficient work space in the Dean's Office, the Division of Experience Programs and the Office of External Affairs. In the Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy, neighborhoods were created to facilitate small group interactions between faculty and students. A new Alumni Suite on the second floor enables alumni to relax, check emails and interact with colleagues on their visits to the College. And, finally, an upgraded HVAC system for both floors has improved heating and cooling while reducing energy costs.

Bridging Pharmacy South and the Wilson Building

The bridge between the two buildings not only joins the future with the past, it is also a wonderful place to host events. High up in the tree canopy, the spacious bridge provides a commanding view of the grounds and campus activities on the plaza and the mall.





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