

At Long Last ...

Nursing and Health Sciences

Move Onto Main Campus

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The departments of Nursing and the Health Sciences will attain a long-cherished goal in fall 2003 when they move into newly-renovated space in Devilbiss Hall.

According to Dr. Tom Jones, dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology, these facilities will be a “vast improvement” over their current location in the Powell Professional Building. The goal is to provide “Smart Rooms” with state-of-the-art equipment “comparable to those in the new Henson Science Hall.”



Through 1989, nursing and health sciences were headquartered at Peninsula Regional Medical Center's Avery W. Hall Education Center – 1 1/4 miles from SU.



Today, nursing and health sciences are located on the east campus in the Power Professional Building, 1/2 mile from the main campus.

The contract for extensive renovations is currently out on bid and the renovations are slated for completion by June 2003. The first floor will be used as general office space and classrooms. The second floor will be dedicated to nursing, and the third to medical technology/clinical laboratory sciences and respiratory therapy.

The Nursing and the Health Sciences departments were relegated to a rented facility adjacent to Peninsula Regional Medical Center for more than a decade prior to moving to the Power Professional Building on the fringe of the main campus in 1989.

The geographic move toward the main campus, i.e., mainstream of the academic community, paralleled the academic growth of these programs in size, in obtaining external funding and, most importantly, in the development of a sterling reputation as strong academic programs preparing well qualified health professionals.

I expect to see even greater progress in nursing and health sciences in the near future as the University strives to meet the 21st century's critical demands for ethical, highly competent nurses, medical technologists, respiratory therapists and laboratory scientists.

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