



# Changing the LANDSCAPE of Health Care

NEW CONSTRUCTION WILL  
'TRANSFORM' TTUHSC'S  
LUBBOCK CAMPUS



**T**TUHSC celebrated a ceremonial groundbreaking in June for construction of three new buildings on the Lubbock campus, marking the second expansion to the campus since completion of the initial building in 1977.

The \$85.9 million project will support two new buildings and west expansion that will connect the current building to the Preston Smith Library of the Health Sciences. The construction will provide much-needed space for additional opportunities in education and research and bring a more seamless campus experience for students and visitors.

"This construction will quite literally transform the health sciences center on the Lubbock campus," TTUHSC President Tedd L. Mitchell, MD, told the crowd of about 200 gathered for the momentous occasion.

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Combined, the buildings will add close to 200,000 square feet to the campus. To the north of the existing facility, TTUHSC will add the University Center and a conference center for academic, professional and research affairs. The University Center will have 60,000 gross square feet (GSF) to support institutional initiatives, program growth and academic changes. The building will house state-of-the-art research laboratories, translational research facilities, classrooms and a new alumni suite, all complete with new technology and equipment and other infrastructure upgrades. A first-floor welcome center will become the hub of the campus.

The second building will be a freestanding conference center with 12,500 GSF, which will provide daily, on-site conferencing space for the adjacent University Center and the existing Academic Classroom Building.

A 125,000 GSF addition will supplement the existing TTUHSC building by connecting it on the west end to the Preston Smith Library of the Health Sciences. The space will provide educational and research facilities for anatomical sciences and will include an expansive, state-of-the-art gross anatomy laboratory and facilities for the Willd Body program as well as administrative suites and classrooms.

To provide for the campus growth, the project will also include creation of a "true" campus entrance from Fourth Street with a signalized intersection.


The Texas Tech University System Board of Regents Facilities Committee approved the project in October 2016. Tuition Revenue Bonds approved by the 84th

Legislature and funds from TTUHSC will support construction costs. The last, and only other time, TTUHSC received TRB for construction was in 1971 to build the original building. TTUHSC has added to its overall footprint twice since then, funding projects with budgeted monies and donor support. The Academic Classroom Building was completed in 2003 and the Texas Tech Physicians Medical Pavilion was added in 2007.

"The 84th legislative session was really good to the Texas Tech System overall," said Chancellor Robert Duncan. "Texas is probably one of the best states to support higher education, and West Texas has some of the strongest delegates who were a core part of the Legislature that made this possible."

Having the state support construction costs, also gives TTUHSC the opportunity to leverage donor gifts for scholarship and research initiatives, which are funding priorities for The Campaign for Your Life, Our Purpose, said Mitchell. "New and expanded spaces will bind our campus together in ways that encourage interaction and promote collaboration. The years to come will be ones of transformation and growth, distinguished by the creativity and vision of our academic community. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together as we approach our 50th anniversary as an institution."

Lubbock Mayor Dan Pope stressed the importance of TTUHSC and its growth to the region. "Health care and higher education, along with agriculture, are the pillars of Lubbock's economy. The space that health care education occupies and the function that the Health Sciences Center serves in this market is critical," Pope said at the groundbreaking. "The fact that the Health Sciences Center educates health professionals who stay and practice in this part of the world is something we cannot put a value on."

Construction on the University Center and West Expansion began in July and is expected to take approximately two years. Work on the Conference Center will begin at a later date. 



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