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While Sudro Hall has received minor renovations and two modest expansions in 1969 and 2002, the building cannot support all of the College’s growing programs, and was constructed in an era when health care education was delivered very differently than today. The College is currently leasing space in three off-campus buildings to make room for its nursing and public health programs, as well as the Health Sciences Library. Having faculty, staff and students spread over four locations presents a logistical barrier to collaborative learning and research.

The Sudro Hall expansion project will support a growing student enrollment, nurture collaborative learning and research, and bring together all of the College’s growing health care programs: the School of Pharmacy, School of Nursing, Department of Allied Sciences and Department of Public Health.

Inside Sudro Hall’s laboratories, promising research is underway by faculty and students whose work is attracting highly competitive, national grants. The College’s grant-funded research involving all disciplines has grown significantly, totaling $30 million to date. The Sudro Hall project will expand the College’s research capacity and include safety and security improvements.

Sudro Hall’s redesigned research labs will empower greater discovery; classrooms equipped with updated technology will enhance student learning; and rooms designed to support clinical simulations and collaborative training will better prepare students for real-world success.

Now is the time to expand Sudro Hall and invest in the future of North Dakota health care.

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An outstanding example of NDSU’s commitment to service, the College of Health Professions has responded to North Dakota’s critical need for health professionals in major ways.

Since 1995, the College’s enrollment has grown from 650 students to more than 2,000 students, making it NDSU’s second largest college by enrollment. More than 150 faculty and staff support the College’s education and research activities.

While an increasing number of students are applying to the College, upon graduation they want to serve close to home.

For the past five years, about 92 percent of NDSU nursing graduates have reported their intentions to seek a license to practice in North Dakota, and about 90 percent of North Dakota’s practicing pharmacists are NDSU graduates.

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