

BURNELL HALL RENOVATION

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES



The renovation of Burnell Hall for the College of Education and Health Sciences (CEHS) represents the most significant building project in the last half-century at BSU, a transformative investment that will serve critical workforce needs, support innovative program delivery and the advanced use of technology, and promote student success. The project will also initiate a dramatic cascading effect that will rationalize the use of space throughout the entire campus for decades to come. In the process, the renovation will save nearly \$27 million in deferred maintenance and actually reduce BSU's building inventory.

As CEHS is currently scattered across six buildings on campus, the project will create a centralized home for the college in Burnell. CEHS offers 35 academic programs serving more than 4,000 students. This project will enable BSU to expand enrollment in CEHS by nearly 10% in high-growth fields.

As the education hub of Massachusetts, graduating more teachers and science and mathematics teachers than any university in the state, the Burnell renovation will address critical workforce needs, including a projected nationwide shortage of 200,000 teachers by 2025.

The renovation will create dynamic and collaborative learning spaces that contribute to success for all students. CEHS is a national leader in leveraging the latest technology (tablets, drones, avatars, online delivery) to advance learning, to improve K-12 learning environments and enhance the health care delivery in clinical settings. As the pandemic has demonstrated, the use of technology to facilitate access to and delivery of education and health care is vital; the renovation will make advanced technology more accessible to students, faculty and staff.

The Burnell Hall project will also create space on campus for in-demand health science programs. Health care represents the largest sector of the state economy. In Southeastern Massachusetts, demand for health care professionals is increasing dramatically: over the next decade, there is projected growth of 25% for physical therapists, 28% for physical therapist assistants, 27% for occupational therapist assistants, and 16% for public health professionals – all positions for which BSU is training students.



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