

ASSESSMENT WEBSITE INFORMATION

College: Nursing and Health Professions
Degree Program: Communication Disorders MCD
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DATA SAY:

Program assessment from faculty, alumni, students, and clients prior to July 2009 universally indicated that the clinical spaces within the ASU Speech and Hearing Center were functional but less than ideal.

SO WHAT:

Patient parking and patient access were very limited due to clinic location on the 4th floor of a building with only one elevator. Lobby and waiting room space was much too small to accommodate the number of clients and faculty members attending ASU Speech and Hearing Center.

HOW WE CHANGED:

As a result of these types of evaluations and feedback, in conjunction with other needs within the college, the Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions (Dr. Susan Hanrahan), along with members of Central Administration, petitioned the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation for financial support to construct the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Health Sciences at Arkansas State University.

WHAT WE GOT:

The building now serves as the home of the ASU Speech and Hearing Center, which serves the diagnostic and treatment needs of clients representing the lifespan. The new building provides barrier-free access to clients of all ages and capability levels and provides reserved parking spaces for Speech and Hearing Center clients. The Speech and Hearing Center is housed on the ground floor and offers state of the art video and audio recording equipment in each therapy room that is routed through two servers, which allows for the digital preservation of all diagnostic and therapy sessions for a period of 4 weeks. This allows for excellent opportunities for student clinicians to review and evaluate their performance while protecting the privacy of client identity and information. Classroom space is abundant in the building as well as collaborative research labs and "special project rooms" which were included in original building plans and schematics. Faculty office space is attractive, spacious, and accessible to students and visitors. This facility is more than adequate and will facilitate the achievement of the mission and goals of the Department and the Speech and Hearing Center for many years to come.

