

Muskegon Community College–Science Center Addition Muskegon, MI

Muskegon Community College invested in a new science center for its growing student population. Since the 1960s, the student population has grown from 2,000 to 5,000 students. The four major goals for this project are: (1) Modernize and update the science laboratories to better prepare students for the 21st-century workplace. (2) Meet student demand for high-demand occupational programs that utilize lab space. (3) Increase graduation rates and the number of residents in the community with both two-year and four-year degrees. (4) Encourage more students to take courses in the STEM fields to promote interest in high-demand careers.

Construction of the 19,600 square foot facility began in September 2014 and was completed in August of 2015. The science center includes six laboratories, a cadaver lab for anatomy and physiology courses, an undergraduate research room, a student resource room, lab manager's office, two prep rooms, the life sciences department office, storage and recycling space, and a grow room with an indoor greenhouse for biology classes. The building is LEED GOLD certified.



New Construction/Addition Science center

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KEY STATS

Capacity: 438
Size of Site: 1 acre
Building Area: 20,058 sq.ft.
Space per Student: 45.79 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$9,132
Square Foot Cost: \$199
Project Cost: \$6,710,000
Completion Date: May 2015
Sustainability Rating Status: LEED Gold

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