

Project:

*Higher Education Health Building
Fort Wayne, Indiana*



Upon the purchase of the Lutheran College of Health Professions, the University of Saint Francis developed an immediate need to create additional classroom and training space for 400 new nursing students, as well as the university's schools of allied health and continuing education. In response, the small catholic university selected Irscher, Inc. to construct an innovative health science training facility that would blend the simulation of medical lab procedures with classroom instruction.

Irscher, Inc. was challenged to construct the building expediently to allow for the transfer of all furniture and interior contents from the Lutheran College of Health Professions, which was scheduled for a swift demolition. Irscher was successful in economically completing the structure ahead of schedule and under budget, blending its appearance with other campus buildings, while maintaining a safe environment for university students.

The resulting 72,000-sq. ft. facility, named the Doermer Family Center for Health Science Education, contains traditional classrooms, a simulated surgical-tech suite, physical therapy and occupational therapy labs, a radiological technology suite, a continuing education area, as well as nursing skills and simulation labs.

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Client:
*University of
Saint Francis*

Architect:
*Design Collaborative
Inc.*

Services Provided:
*Negotiated General
Construction*