



Remaking McLeod: A Bold Design for Nursing Research

When McLeod Hall was built in 1972, the discipline of nursing research was in its infancy. Today, nursing research is dedicated to using science to develop new ways to improve the health of patients, families, and communities. This patient-focused research uses advanced technology and requires collaboration across disciplines and between faculty and students. It focuses on advancing new approaches to health care by developing a better understanding of what patients and communities need and by designing new tools, techniques, and systems to help them.

The renovation of McLeod Hall will allow the UVA School of Nursing research enterprise to grow significantly, with contiguous and shared research and education space designed for collaboration. Building enhancements will foster innovations in multiple areas including:

- care for patients in rural areas who are suffering from postpartum depression, diabetes, or dementia
- ethics, health policy, and improving health outcomes
- complementary/alternative therapies
- reducing health care disparities
- global health
- an understanding of nursing history

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- care for patients at the end of life
- patient safety through simulation training
- mental health care and domestic violence interventions
- initiatives to create resiliency in health care practitioners

Nursing students at all levels will play a role in conducting research and learn to frame questions and develop appropriate solutions for better patient care. These experiences may also influence their career paths.



FITTING IT ALL TOGETHER

In the new McLeod Hall, 21st-century technology will exist side-by-side with nursing history. Students and researchers will come together in both structured and informal settings. This collaborative environment will help the School retain and recruit top faculty and students and provide space for partnering with visiting faculty. Some specific highlights include:

- Updated, convenient video technology for reaching out to isolated rural patients. The new equipment can be used by more faculty and staff and will facilitate efficient and cost-effective collaboration with other institutions.
- A new simulation center where students train on realistic manikins in a clinical practice environment. This allows students to refine their skills before treating real patients, enhances their confidence, and makes them more successful.
- A new, modern Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry, one of only a few nursing history centers in the U.S. The center promotes scholarship on past health care approaches that may offer insights for health care today.

The renovated McLeod Hall will complete a vibrant medical and nursing research and education precinct at UVA. New public spaces will bring visitors from across Grounds. When the renovation is complete, McLeod will be equal to the demands being placed upon it. It will reflect the excellence of UVA's nursing faculty research enterprise and support its continued success. At the same time, it will offer the best possible research and education opportunities for students at all levels.

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