



“The college is keeping pace with technological advancements that move the healthcare industry forward. We are delighted that the new facilities will expand our excellent programs to involve more students and faculty and ultimately benefit the community.”

– Dr. Robert E. Zeigler  
SAC President



## San Antonio College

### Nursing & Allied Health Building

Reducing the number of high school drop-outs and increasing the number of students pursuing a higher education is a challenge for many communities. High school drop-outs often have to choose between staying in school or going to work to support the family. Some don't see themselves in careers requiring education.

San Antonio College (SAC), though, had a thought. Within San Antonio's diverse economy, no industry holds as much promise as healthcare/bioscience. When measured in 2009, the industry registered an economic impact of \$24.5 billion with average wages 16% greater than local compensation. Additionally medical training for all U.S. Armed Forces was to be consolidated and located on Ft. Sam Houston's Military Education and Training Campus by 2011, further adding to healthcare industry employment opportunities.

SAC's idea became a vision, shine a light on healthcare career opportunities where the demand exists and wages are good; expand degree plans in nursing and allied health careers and bring all that education under one rooftop.

O'Connell Robertson rose to the challenge. SAC's Nursing and Allied Health Complex (NAHC) is state-of-the-art. Its 120,000 SF contain classrooms and labs mirroring real-world work environments for nurses, medical and dental assistants, dental and emergency medical technicians and medical transcriptionists. In fact, the facility's design to hospital standards is so close that in the event of a catastrophe, NAHC could take patients for treatment.

Our engineers and architects work hand in hand to ensure medical gas systems are fully functional, dental technology vapor by-products have appropriate flue systems, and that many other components Allied Health career students use here are the same as those in a working medical environment. This is the real thing!

Though NAHC has won several design awards, few are as satisfying as knowing our efforts lit a pathway to so many people's future.