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During the spring 2006 semester, the fourth floor of Rossey Hall was renovated to meet the needs of the new accelerated BSN program. The renovation included a state of the art clinical resource lab and nursing suite (soon to be completed) with faculty / administrative offices and a conference room. The clinical lab was completed in May 2007 when the certificate of occupancy was received. The lab is approximately 2000 square feet and contains six hospital beds. There are tables and chairs for a classroom set-up as well as a computerized teaching station and projector for presentations and videos.

The nursing clinical resource lab provides a controlled environment where nursing students learn, practice, and refine the skills needed to function in the clinical setting. The lab is designed in such a way as to simulate the hospital room and specialty areas. The students have the opportunity to learn fundamental nursing skills as well as the advanced nursing skills that they will encounter in clinical practice. Resources include: systems models, simulators, manikins, videos, and CD-ROMs. Students will also assume the role of “patient” in activities such as range of motion exercises, positioning of the patient, transfers from bed to chair, wheelchair, stretcher, patient teaching exercises, physical assessment, etc. This state of the art innovative nursing-resource center lab includes interactive videos and other methods to simulate realistic nursing experiences.

The nursing suite which contains the faculty / administrative offices and conference room is anticipated to receive the certificate of occupancy by the end of September. This space contains nine offices, a secretarial area, one conference room and a small storage area.

The major renovations of the Gilligan Student Union Building, which were initiated in academic year 2006, schedule for conclusion in 2008. This is a multi-million project that will provide public space, recreational facilities and office space for student organizations and staff.

Money has been appropriated for the establishment of a *Writing Center Tutoring Program* that will provide tutorial services for incoming freshmen, but will be available to all students. The incoming freshmen will be required to spend six or more sessions with a tutor who will specifically on the students’ individual writing problems. The Center is scheduled to open in spring 2008.