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Unprecedented growth continues, as new Education Center unveiled



Uniontown Hospital announced this week that they have completed renovations and construction of a new Education Center, located in the Uniontown Medical Pavilion (UMP) building, on the hospital campus at 100 Woodland Avenue.

The newly designed Education Center will be used by the more than 1,000 employees at the facility for continuing education and training in their respective fields.

“We are excited to open this state-of-the-art training facility for our staff as unprecedented growth continues,” CEO Steve Handy said. “The new Education Center will give our team the opportunity to learn, grow and advance, and ultimately result in better patient care, which is at the core of our mission – to make a healthy difference in the lives we touch.”

The Education Center will be used by physicians, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nursing assistants, certified registered nurse anesthetists, respiratory therapy staff, Emergency Department technicians, monitor technicians and surgical technicians, as well as all support staff at the hospital.

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The Education Center will also be used for training for paramedics from local ambulance services and as a location for future community education programming.

The highlight of the \$1.1 million renovation project is the construction of two simulation rooms – one with a medical/surgical focus and one with a labor/newborn focus.

These rooms will be used for education and hands on training in a fully simulated environment.

“The new Education Center will provide Uniontown Hospital with resources and tools needed to raise the bar within our organization and our community in regard to quality of care and subsequently better patient outcomes,” Education Director Tammy Henderson said. “We are ready to start providing simulated training and teaching that we could not have accomplished before. It is truly an exciting time at Uniontown Hospital.”

Located on the first floor of the UMP building, the new center will include the following:

- 2-High Fidelity Simulation Rooms and Control Room with live audio and video feed to the adjoining classrooms.
- 36-seat Classroom
- 35-seat Computer Lab
- 10-seat Conference Room
- Reception Area, Administrative Offices and Staff Lounge

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Three Master's-prepared nurse educators, known as Education Specialists, as well as a Training Specialist, have developed curriculum that integrates evidence-based practices, cultural sensitivity and safety standard protocols, Henderson said.

Chief Nursing Officer Betty Ann Rock, who provides executive oversight of the Education Department agreed, and she noted that the new Education Center will allow administrators to look to build upon best practices and community need to enhance patient care.

“The education programs will provide staff with the tools needed to make optimum health care and medical decisions,” Rock said. “A long-term goal is to have sustainable education programs that align with the needs of the staff, patients, organization and community.”