



David Braley Health Sciences Centre

A landmark building for a recognized health leader

McMaster University's new, six-story David Braley Health Sciences Centre is the core of a new satellite campus and a significant contributor to the revitalization of downtown Hamilton, Ontario. Visitors are welcomed into a two-story, light filled atrium where a series of public spaces cascade up to the top of the building.

Organized to encourage walking instead of elevator use, these spaces include a street level bistro, informal meeting areas, office space, indoor gardens, amphitheater, maternity, family and public health clinics, seminar and teaching facilities. The center is also home to the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine's Department of Family Medicine and the City of Hamilton's Public Health Services. NORR's educational architecture design team used a pallet of stone, wood, fountains and planting features that reflect the geological features of the Niagara escarpment on which Hamilton sits. These natural materials underscore the building's LEED® Gold green agenda.

CLIENT	McMaster University
PORTFOLIO	Education
CATEGORY	Higher Education
SIZE	190,000 SF (17,650 SM)
LOCATION	Hamilton, ON, Canada
DATE	September 2016
SERVICES	Architecture MEP Engineering Structural Engineering Interior Design

AWARDS

- 2018 World Architecture Community WA Awards 10+5+x (29th Cycle), Realized Project Award
- 2017 City of Hamilton, Urban Design and Architecture Award, Public Buildings Chief City Planner Award for Outstanding Contribution to the City
- 2017 The Architectural Woodwork Manufacturers Association of Canada / AWMAC Award of Excellence
- 2016 Grand Valley Construction Association (GVCA) Building Excellence Awards - Institutional - More than \$20 Million
- 2016 Copper Development Association (CDA) and the Canadian Copper & Brass Development Association (CCBDA), North American Copper in Architecture Award, New Construction

Education

It's an exciting time in education. Changing pedagogies, advancing technologies and evolving student expectations are influencing educational facility design. The places in which students interact, engage and learn must be hands-on, flexible and technologically advanced. From primary schools to higher education institutions, we carefully craft connections between students, faculty and staff to positively influence learning outcomes.

Good Design Enhances Learning

From early instruction to higher education, we consider the progression of the student experience; we know that good design enhances learning outcomes. Creating a stimulating environment can directly influence the development and pace of learning for students of any age. Students learn in many different ways, and we understand the importance of crafting a facility that is inclusive – a place where all students, faculty and staff can feel warm, welcome and equal.

Navigating Complexity

NORR recognizes that the spaces we create and the environments we shape have a profound impact on the people who use them. Our mission is to deliver distinctive, high-functioning, sustainable and cost effective design solutions that are unique to each client. We fulfill these goals and aspirations by engaging our

clients in a dynamic, inclusive and creative partnership with the design team throughout the planning and design process. Our design teams work collaboratively with all stakeholders to implement solutions that are effective, economical and environmentally responsible.

We implement systems and strategies guided by sustainability, durability, budget and common sense. We select building materials and systems that will perform over a significant life span while maintaining their intended appearance and efficiency. Our goal is to create an environment that meets and exceeds the client's functional, visual and fiscal requirements, while conveying the essence of the school's identity, values and culture.

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