

DESIGN SHOWCASE

MENTAL HEALTHCARE FACILITY

Northwestern Medicine - Central DuPage Hospital WINFIELD, ILL.

PFB Architects, LLC CHICAGO, ILL.



After the completion of a new bed tower, Northwestern Medicine – Central DuPage Hospital was left with a five-story building with three vacant floors.

The owner's plan was to expand Behavioral Health Services and increase the number of patient beds from 15 to 48 with each service unit separated by patient age and acuity level. As a multiphase renovation project of two floors totaling 24,879 square foot, our team worked closely with the owner and end-users to develop an ideal layout. A few of the guiding principles for our design team were patient's safety, areas that encourage patient socialization, and reduction of an institutional feel.

The offset columns of the existing vacated structure set the direction for patient room placement while offering unique opportunities for incorporating angled walls, zones for patient/staff

interaction, and create areas that can be used as a means for patient self management and internal control.

To aid in the reduction of an institutional feel, we worked closely with the client to find ways to introduce many of the same contextual languages already on campus, while keeping them appropriate for behavioral health. Every patient room has wall to wall windows for maximum natural light, a built-in desk with upholstered window seat and open storage below. Elements, such as, warm woods, back-lit features, skylight features, soft shades of blues, and images of nature incorporated through large wall murals. The design team was successful in creating a serene, peaceful environment promoting patient safety and encourages the healing of mind and soul.



Project Category: Remodel/Renovation

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Total Area (Sq. Ft.): 24,879 (renovation)

Total Construction Cost (excluding land): \$5,700,000 (renovation)

Construction Cost/Sq. Ft.: \$225 (renovation)

Completion: May 2015