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# ASU to break ground on \$200M health campus HQ with medical school



A rendering of the new headquarters for ASU Health, which will house the university's new medical school and other health colleges.

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[Arizona State University](#) has revealed the location of its ASU Health headquarters, which includes its new medical school and other health colleges.

Plans call for building a 200,000-square-foot structure on a campus in the heart of the Phoenix Bioscience Core campus in downtown Phoenix, with total development costs ranging between \$200 million and \$230 million, said Rick Naimark, associate vice president of ASU.

Bids for general contractors were accepted by March 7, he said.

CO Architects and DFDG are partnering on the architectural design of the building, which could span either five or six floors.

Preliminary site work and utility relocation will begin this fall on that triangular parcel, with building construction starting in 2026 and an expected opening in time for 2028 fall semester.

The 1-acre parcel is bounded by Fillmore, Pierce, Fourth and Fifth streets.



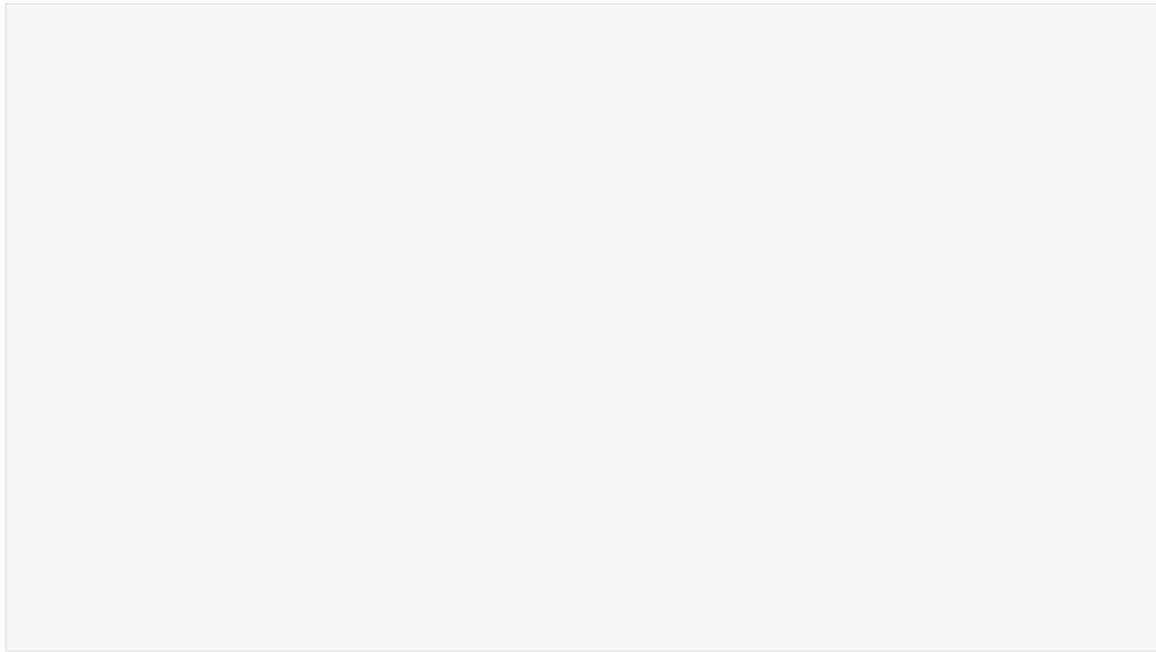
The new ASU Health headquarters will built on a triangular-shaped, 1-acre parcel bounded by Fillmore, Pierce, Fourth and Fifth streets.

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In June 2023, ASU President Michael Crow had hinted that the ASU School of Medicine and Advanced Medical Engineering [likely would be built on one of three Phoenix biomedical campuses](#). By October of that year, [ASU narrowed the search to downtown Phoenix](#), but didn't confirm at the time that it would likely be on the Phoenix Bioscience Core's 30-acre downtown campus.

### **ASU already has major presence at PBC campus**

ASU already has a strong presence on that PBC campus, taking about 112,000 square feet within 850 PBC, which was built by Wexford Science + Technology. It also has half of the Arizona Biomedical Collaborative I building, sharing space with its sister [University of Arizona](#); and has the Mercado building at the southwest corner of Seventh and Van Buren streets for its nursing program, including a nursing simulation lab.



The ASU Health headquarters will be home to several ASU health-related colleges, including the new School of Medicine and Advanced Medical Engineering and the new School of Technology for Public Health.

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Scottsdale-based HonorHealth, which [last fall was named the primary clinical affiliate](#) for ASU's School of Medicine and Advanced Medical Engineering, also will have a presence in the new ASU Health headquarters.

Todd LaPorte, CEO of HonorHealth, said HonorHealth already hosts 16 graduate medical education programs for residency and fellowship, providing a solid foundation for integrating ASU students into the health system's clinical environments.

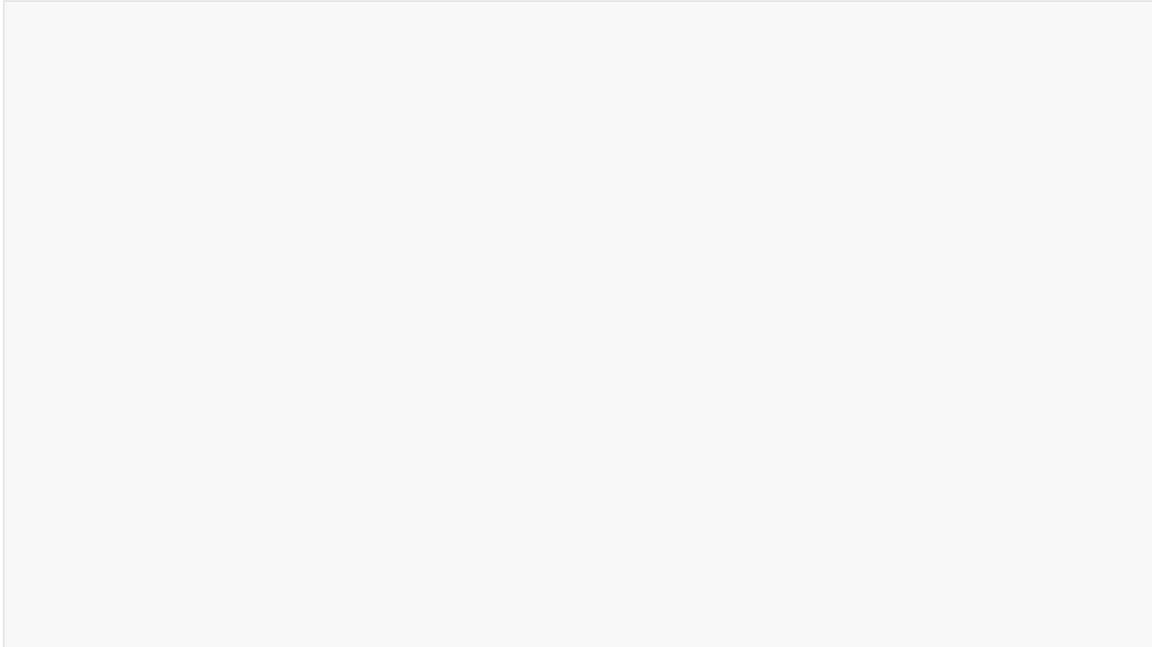
"We are perfectly positioned to develop this unique training model," LaPorte said. "This collaboration will allow ASU students to get the most comprehensive clinical training while we attract and retain exceptional medical talent to join our 4,000-plus affiliated physicians."

The first class at ASU's new medical school will start with 35 students and grow from there, Naimark said.

The School of Technology for Public Health, along with some aspects of the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation and College of Health Solutions and a [number of other programs](#) also will be housed at ASU Health.

"The School of Technology and Public Health is going to be unlike anything out there," Naimark said. "This focuses on how we harness technology to learn more about public health trends."

During the [coronavirus pandemic](#), this type of information system would have been helpful in using the best available technology, whether it's artificial intelligence or virtual reality to impact public health.



Also to be housed at ASU Health is the Medical Discovery Platform, a flexible technology forward space that allows for a range of physical and virtual medical scenarios and simulations, including anatomical exploration.

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The driving force behind this initiative is improved patient care and community health, LaPorte said.

"By integrating cutting-edge medical education with practical clinical experience, the partnership will improve health outcomes and deliver community-focused care to better serve the evolving health-care needs of Arizona's diverse population," LaPorte said. "There is already a serious shortage of physicians – and really many types of medical professionals – and our Valley is one of the fastest growing regions in the country. So we need to promote and enhance the medical education environment."

This announcement comes at a time when 850 PBC building is attracting more tenants, [paving the way for construction of a second building](#).

Naimark said it's too early to say whether ASU will take any space in that second Wexford building.

"That is yet to be determined," he said.

Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego said ASU Health is integral to solving for workforce shortages and improving the quality of health for residents.

"I applaud ASU President Dr. Crow for selecting the Phoenix Bioscience Core to build the most advanced medical technology school in America," Gallego said in a statement, adding that the campus could create nearly 200,000 jobs and add \$19 billion to the state GDP.

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