



● What is the WELLS Center?

The WELLS Center is a state-of-the-art facility with patient simulation tools for building clinical knowledge and advancing multi-disciplinary expertise in healthcare. Students, faculty and practicing nurses and physicians from throughout Colorado can enhance their diagnostic and clinical skills either on-site or at individual institutions/academic facilities.

● Why is the WELLS Center important?

High-quality medical care combines empathetic attention to patient needs with high-order diagnostic and clinical skills. Yet access to clinical education is a challenge for many students and medical professionals in Colorado. Limited training opportunities and a shortage of sites and staff able to mentor students combine to create a bottleneck in the preparation of much-needed nurses and physicians. The problem exists both for students who must prepare for their careers and for practicing professionals who wish to enhance their skills.

● What can you find at the WELLS Center?

Housed in the BioScience East building at the Colorado Science and Technology Park at Fitzsimons, the WELLS Center represents a unique collaboration among educators, providers and policymakers.

● You will find:

Computer-driven mannequins that can simulate virtually any type of clinical experience — from emergency room situations to surgery, from heart attacks to births to allergic reactions and much more.

VH Dissector™, a cutting-edge, interactive computer program for learning anatomy and virtual dissection and configured to work in conjunction with the mannequins for a truly integrated learning opportunity.

Multiple services such as faculty development workshops, critical care nursing training, onsite and offsite simulation training events, and consulting services.

● How did the WELLS Center begin?

The WELLS Center was funded in part by a grant awarded to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) under the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative, as implemented by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Division. The Center has now advanced to a non-profit status and is gaining support and momentum for continuing its important mission of advancing multi-disciplinary healthcare expertise. WELLS Center Inaugural Partners:

- Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
- Colorado Workforce Development Council
- Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence
- University of Colorado Hospital
- University of Colorado Health Sciences Center
- Touch of Life Technologies, Inc.
- Colorado Area Health Education Centers
- Colorado Simulation Development Group



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