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Salus University Simulation Lab Renovation Breaks Ground



Salus University Physician Assistant Studies students Marc Jacobson '21PA, of Rochester, N.Y., and Regina Day '21PA, of Warrington, Pa., commemorate the start of construction on the standardized patient simulation lab at the Elkin's Park campus.

Elkins Park, Pa. — The South Wing of Salus University's main campus in Elkins Park is undergoing a renovation to accommodate the increasing need for technological innovations in patient care, benefitting the University's Physician Assistant (PA) Studies program. Funded in part by a \$500,000 grant provided by the Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), construction on the physical space will renovate two, 50-seat lecture style classrooms, a new standardized patient simulation lab with collaborative learning environments and an updated clinical skills lab. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the physician assistant profession is one of the fastest growing occupations in the U.S. with an anticipated

growth rate of 31 percent from 2018 to 2028. In addition to supporting the University's commitment to excellence in clinical education, the project also dovetails with state efforts in developing Pennsylvania's healthcare delivery team. Construction is expected to be complete in the upcoming fall semester. For more information on the PA program at Salus, go to www.salus.edu/physician-assistant.

RACP is administered by the Office of the Budget for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational and historical improvement projects. RACP projects are state-funded and cannot obtain primary funding under other state programs.

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