The project responds to local and regional workforce demand by providing the College's allied health departments, including nursing and medical assisting, with dedicated classroom and lab space. Also included in the design is the Community Demand Lab, a flexible space that can accommodate rotating allied health programs such as pharmacy tech, radiology tech, massage therapy and dental hygiene. The center also houses the early childhood development programs which consist of early childhood education and childcare facilities for toddlers and preschoolers with the possibility of caring for infants. The building enables these programs to better serve the educational, economic, health and childcare needs of the North Olympic Peninsula community.

Peninsula College’s Allied Health programs serve up to 150 students each year. Student and workplace pressure to accommodate growth in these high demand fields is significant. The Nursing program alone has expanded its enrollment by over 150% in past decade despite the lack of adequate program space. Enrollment in the Medical Assisting program has also increased in spite of limited resources.

The Early Childhood Education and associated programs / services support nearly 300 students and families each year. The new childcare facility has capacity for 40 preschoolers and approximately 30 toddlers. This increase essentially doubles the size of these programs allowing greater access to students.

**Project Schedule:**
- **Phase I Bidding and Contracting:** June/July 2015
- **Phase I Construction:** August-October 2015
- **Phase II Bidding and Contracting:** September/October 2015
- **Phase II Construction:** November 2015 – Early 2017

**Includes:**
- Smart classrooms, state-of-the-art learning labs, student gathering and study spaces, a well-planned childcare facility and play yard, and faculty and staff offices.

**Square Footage:**
41,650

**Architect:**
Schacht/Aslani Architects

**Budget:**
- $1,810,000 – predesign/design
- $23,790,000 – construction