Phase II of the Clinical Sciences Project

In 2014, the Legislature approved $25.818 million in funding for a new, state-of-the-art Clinical Sciences Building—the first phase of a two-part project at Minnesota State Mankato. That funding also paid for the design work necessary to renovate and renew the spaces that would be vacated when the new building opened.

The $6,525,000 Phase II project which will impact spaces in four different buildings on campus and complete the installation of solar panels on the Clinical Sciences Building, is part of the 2016 capital request from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System.

When the new Clinical Sciences Building opens next year, entire programs and departments will vacate spaces in four buildings—Wiecking Center, Wissink Hall, Armstrong Hall and Morris Hall. That opens up space to be repurposed and used to benefit all students, faculty and staff at Minnesota State Mankato.

Completing this project is the logical next step in the transformation of this campus.

- The Department of Psychology, which currently is spread between several buildings, including a leased off-campus space, will be able to improve inefficiencies and interdepartmental collaboration by consolidating into one building.
- This work makes significant improvements to Armstrong Hall, which has the worst Facility Conditions Index on campus.
- A collaborative learning lab, featuring equipment and technology that facilitate hands-on learning, will be built in Morris Hall.
- Food labs and classrooms used by the Department of Family and Consumer Science in Wiecking Center will be updated for the first time in more than 25 years.
- HVAC systems in the affected areas will be upgraded for reliability and improved energy efficiency.

**Programs Impacted by Phase II**
- Family Consumer Science
- English Language Institute
- Instructional Technology
- Nursing
- Psychology

**PROJECT IMPACT**

- More than 1,900 students from at least five different departments and three divisions will benefit from the remodeled academic spaces—and the entire student body will benefit from the planned flexible instruction space in Morris Hall.

- The solar panels on the Clinical Sciences Building will reduce electricity costs on campus each year—and provide learning experiences for environmental studies and electrical engineering students and help reduce the University’s carbon footprint.

- Completion of Phase II will result in a $3.4 million reduction in deferred maintenance.