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THE CHALLENGE

1. Does “other manufacturers” mean medical equipment, furniture, and casegoods?
   Yes.

2. Are there any special requirements beyond the 50% use of OFS and Carolinas furniture lines?
   Assume modular casework or millwork for Reception, Exam, RN Station, and Breakroom.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: PUBLIC AREAS

3. What is the minimum number of people that the large spaces will need to accommodate?
   Maximize the seating to accommodate as many people as possible. There is no consistent number of guests.

4. What does “seating” mean for public areas?
   Each waiting area will require seating, with maximum seating of 15-16 on the Exam side and 20-25 on the Surgery side.

5. Would bariatric patients be brought in and out on gurneys through these spaces?
   Bariatric patients would be brought out in wheelchairs only.

6. On the Surgery side, do entrance and exit doors open automatically or manually?
   All entrance and exit doors will open automatically.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: PATIENT AREAS

The patient will remove all clothing, put on a hospital gown, and store all personal belongings. PACU nurses take vital statistics, discuss surgical procedures, and initiate IVs with sedatives.

7. Does “vital statistics” refer to “vital signs” (pulse rate, temperature, respiration rate, and blood pressure)?
   Yes, vital signs.

8. Would PACU nurses use vital signs carts? If so, how many would be needed?
   No carts should be used. Wall-mounted computers will be used, one per recovery bay.

9. Which of the following will be required for recovery: hospital beds or lounge recovery chairs?
   A combination of beds and recliners/chairs.

10. Is there a functional difference among the Exam rooms?
    No functional difference.

11. Would two (2) Exam rooms be dedicated to each medical specialty? If so, would these spaces also function as doctor offices?
    No, each room will be used by all specialties. Doctors will have their own offices, but this is not included in this exercise.

12. Will Exam rooms require sinks?
    Yes, and casework to store miscellaneous medical supplies.
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: STAFF AREAS

13. Is the staff area labeled as “Breakroom” in the floor plan?
   Yes.

14. What is the occupant load for this space?
   8-12 people.

15. What does “in-services” refer to?
   In-services can be trainings held by medical equipment manufacturers and drug reps or internal
   trainings about processes and procedures.

16. Would a kitchenette with a sink be required in this space?
   Yes, assume a coffee maker and microwave would also be required.

17. Would vending machines be allowed in this space?
   No.

18. How many linear feet of file storage would be required for nurses? For the Billing Office?
   Linear feet requirements have not been defined. Make recommendations based upon space available
   and keep in mind that patient records are kept electronically.

19. Would double monitors be used for nurses’ work stations and for the Billing Office? On how many work
    stations?
   Double monitors would be used for RN Stations and for the Billing Office. There should be one
   (1) RN Station that accommodates multiple user types.

20. Would surgeons require one (1) dedicated work station in the nurses’ station?
    No.

21. How many RN Stations would be needed?
    There should be one (1) RN Station that accommodates multiple user types.

22. How many doctors would there be per specialty?
    The objective is that one (1) specialty per day will operate. Assume one to two (1 to 2) doctors
    per specialty for this exercise.

23. Will gynecological services include obstetrics?
    Yes.

24. Would all specialties perform surgeries at this facility?
    Yes.

25. Would bariatric surgeries be performed at this facility?
    No; bariatric patients will be referred to a bariatric specialist.

26. What would the hours of operation be for the Clinic? Hours of operation for the Surgery Center?
    8 a.m.-5 p.m. for the Clinic, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. for the Surgery Center.

27. Would the PACU station provide overnight care?
    No.
28. **How many linear feet of lockers would be required for each gender? Or how many people of each gender would require a locker?**
   Approximately 16 men and 24-30 women.

29. **Would users be changing clothes in front of lockers?**
   Yes.

30. **Is billing done either by mail or check-out only at the end of all exams, consultations, and surgeries, or is the office-sized, unmarked room immediately adjacent to the Exam unit's reception room a second billing or check-out room for the Exam unit?**
   There is one (1) billing office that services both Exam and Surgery. Billing is done electronically through the mail. All co-pays and financial requirements are addressed at the reception desk of Exam and Surgery. Any additional financial obligations are processed online and through the mail. There are several additional staff members/offices that assist with insurance, billing, etc. that are not included in this exercise.

31. **Since the recovery bays are to be acoustically isolate, should they be GWB-constructed rooms, presumably with glass fronts?**
   The goal is to maximize patient recovery areas while maintaining patient privacy. GWB is one of many possible solutions.

32. **How many nurses are required for the PACU nurses station?**
   One to two (1 to 2) will sit at the desk full-time, two to three (2 to 3) will float based upon patient care and surgery schedule.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

33. **Are there any board orientation requirements?**
   No.

34. **Dimensioned floor plan as in construction documents or would area square footage suffice?**
   Area square footage will suffice.

35. **If the floor plan is reduced to fit on a board, would providing graphic scale be sufficient?**
   Yes.

36. **Will electrical plans, lighting fixture drawings, or other additional drawings be provided?**
   No additional plans or drawings will be provided.
GENERAL QUESTIONS / DESIGN PROBLEM QUESTIONS

37. What lies beyond the sidewalk of the building?
   An area for vehicular drop off and a parking lot.

38. Are there any worthwhile views of the landscape or of urban landmarks beyond the walls of the Exam Waiting Room, PACU, and the Surgery Waiting Room?
The Exam Waiting Rooms overlook a parking lot and trees in distance. Vestibule for Surgery Waiting overlooks the same parking lot. There are no windows in PACU.

39. Will a site plan be provided?
   A site plan is not necessary for this exercise.

40. What is arrival into this facility like?
   Walk into vestibule on each side from parking lot and into Reception.

41. Is there pedestrian or vehicular traffic to be considered?
   Only pedestrian traffic in an out of facility.

42. Is there valet parking provided for this facility?
   No. Surgery has a drop off area.

43. Which direction is north on the plan?
   Plan N is the bottom of the drawing, Plan S is the sidewalk.

44. What is the total square feet of the project?
   Approximately 10,035 square feet.

45. Is there a complete list of spaces and square foot totals?
The PDF is labeled with room selections for most spaces in the design brief. Here are the numbers associated with each area outlined in the brief. Square foot totals are not provided.
   • 022 is Breakroom
   • 058.1 is Exam Vestibule
   • 058.2 is Surgery Waiting and Reception
   • 055 is RN and PACU

46. Is the provided floor plan the final solution?
   Yes.

47. Can the exit doors be reversed to accommodate code restrictions?
   No, the exit doors are code compliant.

48. What are the room requirements regarding FF&E?
   Please see the room descriptions provided.

49. What is the floor-to-deck distance?
   11'0”.

50. Is the building a one-story building?
   Yes.

51. Can the roof be altered if it is a one-story?
   No.
52. Is the building a stand-alone or is it adjoined to another building?
The building is adjoined, tenant fit out.

53. Is there an exterior wall section and if there isn’t, can exterior windows or doors be changed to accommodate student design?
No, there is an existing exterior wall section.

54. Should students only use provided, existing walls or are they to consider demolition of some walls?
Please use only existing walls.

55. Do the dashed lines represent the boundary of the project?
The dashed lines represent the demising wall.

56. What are the objects on layer “P” supposed to be on the AutoCad plan?
P/EQUIP turns off all hand rails in bathrooms; P/FIX turns off all sinks, showers, and toilets.
This was part of a master drawing and you can purge layers not in use.

57. Should students consider the walls on the “new construction” layer as having already been built?
Yes. Lock the wall layers to include windows and doors.

58. Are students supposed to use the floor plan provided and populate it with the requirements, or can students “gut” the floor plan (except for the core and shell elements) and complete their own space plan layout and research requirements for an ASC?
Do not gut the existing floor plan. Students should utilize the floor plan as provided and populate it with the requirements.

59. What is the geographic location of the building provided as a floor plan in CAD? Will additional photographs of the site be provided?
This fictitious facility will be located on the SE side of Charlotte, NC near Novant Presbyterian Medical Center and Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy. No additional photos will be provided.

60. Is the un-labeled space part of the design? If not, can the walls touching that area be used as exterior walls and therefore house windows?
No, focus on labeled and defined areas only. Follow the windows per the CAD file.

61. What does “Bathrooms must remain in the locations indicated on the given floor plan” imply?
Bathrooms must remain in locations shown and are out of the scope of the project.

62. How would children be accommodated in the waiting areas? Is a certain portion of treatment areas to be dedicated to children (including Exam)?
Children should be taken into consideration when planning for seating in Exam rooms.

63. How should plan dimensions be submitted? Are full linear (construction plan format) dimensions expected?
Students can submit dimensions of the plan in design and presentation format.

64. Can the roof be penetrated with a skylight?
No skylights or other penetrations of the roof are allowed.

65. Will window sill and header heights for fenestration be provided?
Students can define sill and header heights.

66. What is the standard commercial door height, and can door materials be selected (e.g., wood, glass, etc.)?
The standard commercial door height is 80”. Materials can be selected but should take HIPPA standards into consideration.
67. **Can existing partitions be penetrated (e.g., a window in the Billing Office)?**
   Existing partitions may not be penetrated.

68. **Will information regarding the client’s mission or vision be provided?**
   This information can be decided by the participating students if it assists them in their solutions, but it will not be provided for this competition.

69. **Should the International Building Code (IBC) be considered for design solutions?**
   No, this is not mandatory.

70. **Operating room(s) are not mentioned in the program; are they the students’ responsibility to add?**
    No, please focus on specified and outlined areas only.

71. **Can additional functions and spaces not mentioned in the program be considered (e.g., gym area, cleaning room, sterilizing room, pre-op room, etc.)?**
    No, please focus on specified and outlined areas only.
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