

Office Furniture Case Studies

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Interiors

UW HEALTH SCIENCES

INTELLIGENT DESIGN

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Health Sciences Learning Center opened in 2004 as one of the nation's premier facilities of its type. Boasting 250,000 gross square feet over four floors, the new building has made it possible for UW-Madison to consolidate its medical and nursing schools—the students, faculty members, labs, administrative staff, lecture halls and libraries—into a single state-of-the-art facility, right next to the University Hospital.

When it was time to fit the open areas of the building, primarily the fourth floor, which houses most of the administrative offices, UW's Facilities Planning & Management team turned to BSI to help design and install several hundred workstations. According to architect Julie Grove, Major Projects Manager with UW-Madison's Facilities Planning & Management, "We wanted to make optimal use of space and natural light to create a warm, open environment conducive to work, both for the present and into the future."

INSPIRED RESULTS

The solution was found in PowerWorks® Panel System, BSI's latest and most versatile office systems line. Designed to accommodate the unique needs of its user, PowerWorks is easily adjusted to suit a variety of work styles and job functions. Its panels can easily be altered by adding glass or open frames. It has a significant allowance for data wiring and it supports multiple height adjustments.

Members of the UW Facilities and Planning Management team were thrilled with the modularity and reconfiguration simplicity of the PowerWorks Panel System. They were also impressed with BSI's responsiveness and dedication in meeting and exceeding expectations during this project. Timely and well planned installation gave both the University and BSI time to test and troubleshoot the system well before the actual users moved in.

"The BSI Project Manager and his team were extremely responsive and helpful throughout the whole process. Everything that needed to be solved, they were on it. They know their product inside out. And it's a very good quality product," commented Julie Grove.

PROJECT FACTS

- New four-story building
- 250,000 square feet
- Several hundred workstations
- PowerWorks Panel System



Camp Randall & UW PARKSIDE

TWO PROBLEMS, ONE SOLUTION CENTER

When UW-Parkside was ready to upgrade and retrofit the Darshan Dhaliwal Modern Languages Laboratory, BSI was their immediate choice. It was the same with UW-Madison when it came to outfitting the open administrative areas of Camp Randall's new addition, Kellner Hall.

With the language laboratory, the goal was to design a desking system with sophisticated electrical and data capabilities. The complex electronics and computer systems utilized by the language lab required a system that would enhance the instructor's ability to communicate with all 35 students at any one time.

The goal at Kellner Hall was to design an open office space with built-in flexibility and storage options. The offices were designed to support a wide variety of work styles, and to maximize work surface and storage space without overcrowding the area.

UNIQUELY TAILORED SOLUTIONS

The solution to the Darshan Dhaliwal Language Laboratory was found in BSI's Volition line, while System XXI was the obvious solution for Kellner Hall.

The design and installation of the Volition™ System was an extremely complex and customized operation from start to finish. Data and electrical cables were brought in from the ceiling, only to “magically disappear” into each of the 35 Volition workstations. To allow for optimal housing of the cables and electronics, the free-standing Volition workstations were lined up end-to-end and back-to-back in two separate rows. As many as 140 cables from the instructor's work station were routed to the 35 workstations in the laboratory.

At Kellner Hall, the BSI team set about to design and install an open concept space that afforded its users ample storage options as well as privacy. System XXI® Furniture was chosen for its flexibility, efficiency, productivity and aesthetics. The workstations included desks with large work areas, overhead storage units and rolling pedestals. Additionally they were specially equipped to accommodate high-speed computers and other pieces of technology. Storage files and cabinets were also part of the plan.

In both projects, the BSI teams provided solutions that surpassed expectations, but also demonstrated their professionalism and ability to work around difficult situations. In the case of the language center, it was finding viable and cost-effective solutions to routing more than 140 cables into the whole system and using the desking system's unique rigid wireways to power all of the desks from a single source. Working in concert with audio and video technicians and electricians, BSI completed the installation within 3-days.

The BSI team working on the Kellner Hall installation were faced with challenges of a different nature—working around construction schedules that were constantly subject to delays and changes. Operating in phases the BSI team successfully met all their challenges on time and within budget.

DARSHAN DHALIWAL MODERN LANGUAGES LABORATORY

Retrofit an existing language laboratory
1280 square feet
36 workstations
Volition Desking

KELLNER HALL

New building attached to Camp Randall
50 workstations
System XXI Panel Systems



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