Thurston Group delivers a multi-function lecture theatre to service 150 students, through ESPO’s Modular Buildings framework (953)

The Project

The University of Plymouth, Exeter School of Nursing, delivers the BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult Health) courses at the WESC Foundation, based in Countess Wear, Exeter. This satellite school campus enables students who are beyond commuting distance from the Plymouth or Truro campuses to enter onto the BSc (Hons) Nursing course, without having to commit to long travel times.

Project statistics

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The solution

Working as principal contractor for the duration of the project, Thurston Group’s works consisted of delivering a single storey 6 No. bay modular lecture theatre with a 25-year building warranty.

The building consists of an open-plan lecture space that has 2.8m internal height with the option of segregating the building space into three separate smaller rooms via an acoustic retractable partition. The facility has multiple separate entrances and fire exits, one of each to each lecture theatre space, thus providing total flexibility when utilising the space for differing functions.

The building consisted of grey aluminum windows and doors, with barrier matting to the entrances; opening out into carpeted floor to the client’s bespoke pattern.

Internally, Thurston Group provided a full LED lighting control system that supported a range of interactive whiteboards and specialist AV equipment with electric operated blackout blinds on the windows.

Externally the project included removing a temporary facility, and previous sub-structure with all new foundations, utility services, access ramp, footpaths and car park areas with external landscaping and drainage.

Due to planning conditions and the rural setting, the exterior walls were clad in a specialist cedar paneling and glass entrance canopies and barriers to ensure all DDA regulations were met.

Customer feedback

It’s been wonderful to meet the students and see the excellent new facility located in Exeter. The Exeter School of Nursing means that we can now provide a local opportunity for local people to start an exciting, valued career in nursing.

Professor Wilkinson-Brice, Faculty of Health and Human

The University of Plymouth is proud of its longstanding, successful history of nursing education, accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Council. Working in partnership with healthcare providers over the past 20 years, it has helped to develop a workforce across the region and beyond and we are delighted that The Exeter School of Nursing is strengthening that provision.

Professor Judith Petts CBE, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Plymouth