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O&P PROGRAM RELOCATES TO RACKHAM HALL

Beginning in September, the MSOP program relocated to a brand new facility in Rackham hall. The space is part of a \$6.3 million renovation of Rackham hall that includes new facilities for several programs within the College of Health and Human Services.

The new space includes a state-of-the-art laboratory and a designated machine shop. Additional features include an expansive plaster room, two new classrooms featuring innovative technology, and faculty offices.

Becker Orthopedic has committed to sponsor the new clinical space. The Otto and Lucille Becker Clinical Suite boasts 5 private patient care rooms, each equipped with video capture technology. The space will allow students to interact with patients in a realistic setting, while video capture will enable instructors to evaluate the interactions with the students afterwards.



The facility also has more space for research and development projects, including a laboratory that houses eight 3D printers and lifecasting equipment. Several students plan to utilize these resources to complete capstone projects as well as perform research that will be presented at the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists national meeting in March 2016.

With the closer proximity to other HPHP programs, students and faculty are exploring the possibility of interprofessional collaborations. This fall, we inaugurated joint clinical rotations with the occupational therapy students. The experience introduced them to our profession, and in turn, exposed our students to their practices. This winter term, we are developing a program with the physician's assistant program to have the students per-

form joint evaluations and create a collaborative plan of care.



Eastern Michigan hosted an open house at Rackham hall on October 13th to announce the official reopening. A rededication ceremony featured speeches by Dr. Schatzel, interim president, and Dr. Nair, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, as well as two students. The event attracted more than 200 students, faculty, staff, and local practitioners to tour our beautiful new facility.

