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Glenn and Ande Christenson School of Education Building



ABOUT THE GLENN AND ANDE CHRISTENSON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION BUILDING

Size:	67,260 square-feet, two-story building	Ground-breaking:	January 22, 2020
Features:	Early Childhood Education Center and playground Speech-Language Pathology Clinic State-of-the-art classrooms Education observation rooms Graduate lounge Team rooms Collaboration spaces Faculty and staff offices	Grand Opening:	Fall 2021
Architecture Firm:	Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto	Funding:	The initial \$6 million match required for legislative approval of the new education building was raised by the Nevada State College Foundation’s “Teachers Now” campaign. Landmark contributions to the institution in the form of outright gifts and written pledges from Glenn and Ande Christenson and Bob and Alison Kasner provided the core of these funds. After the Nevada Legislature passed it in 2019, Gov. Steve Sisolak approved Assembly Bill 541, which provides the additional \$55.9 million for the construction of the education building.
Contractor:	Burke Construction Group		
Location:	Southeast corner of campus just East of the Rogers Student Center and just West of the new student housing		



ABOUT THE CHRISTENSONS

Glenn and Ande Christenson are longtime Las Vegans with a passion to provide the opportunity for every student in the community to receive a quality education. Ande, a former second-grade teacher in the Clark County School District (CCSD), currently serves on the Advisory Board of Teach for America and the Development Board for the Inclusive Initiative at Nevada State. Glenn has spent his entire business career in Las Vegas and for the last seven years has focused on how to enhance the K–12 education delivery system by using successful business practices with a goal to meaningfully improve student outcomes. He has chaired the Las Vegas Education Council, a group formed to bring education and business leaders together to begin a dialogue about improving student outcomes for K–12 education. He has served as chairman of the Governor’s Spending and Government Efficiency Commission on K–12 education, chairman of the Community Implementation Council for AB469, and chairman of CCSD’s Budget Task Force, and he served on the CCSD Superintendent’s Executive Advisory Committee.

ABOUT THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

The Nevada State College School of Education’s Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) will focus on supporting the developmental needs of typically and atypically developing, three to five year-old children. Small class sizes, 16 children with three teachers in each classroom, will allow for very low child-to-teacher ratios, and for multiple opportunities throughout the day to create intentional learning opportunities that are based on what a child needs for their individual growth in the areas of early childhood development.

The ECEC will:

- Focus on social and emotional learning by forming meaningful and genuine relationships, empowering children to advocate for themselves, teaching self-regulation skills and utilizing Conscious Discipline.
- Focus on brain architecture by preparing young children to be successful communicators and have the necessary skills to become strong readers, through intentional teaching of language and literacy skills.
- Use developmentally appropriate practices when making decisions as well as supporting and teaching young children.
- Use authentic assessments to identify each child’s areas for growth to support their ongoing learning while in the program.
- Prepare children to be ready for kindergarten and successful throughout their educational journeys.
- Hire highly qualified lead teachers, assistant teachers and support staff.

The ECEC and SLP Clinic will be street-facing, with separate first-floor entrances to serve the general public. Both programs also will provide Nevada State students with immersive learning opportunities.

ABOUT THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY CLINIC

The Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Clinic will be a training site for graduate and undergraduate students in speech-language pathology. Rooms will be designed with state-of-the-art equipment. Services will be supervised by certified and licensed speech-language pathologists, who are also Nevada State College faculty. *The graduate program is a Candidate for Accreditation by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700.*

The SLP Clinic will provide:

- High tech diagnostics and treatment programs for voice, resonance, articulation and swallowing disorders of children and adults. The disorders may be related to structural and behavioral issues (such as vocal fold damage of singers, transgender voice, cleft palate, Parkinson’s disease, cerebral palsy, and stroke).
- Service for adolescents and adults with communication challenges from stroke, head injury, and other neurologic disorders.
- Diagnosis and treatment for children ages 8 and older, who have difficulties with speech or language production, or stuttering.*
- A communication program for adolescents and adults who have Autism spectrum disorders.
- An Augmentative and Alternative Communication Lab –servicing individuals who benefit from supportive technology for communication.

**Additional services for young children will continue at the Nevada State College Scottish RiteCare Facility*