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ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge completes 20,000 s/f Phase 1 renovation for Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

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ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge has completed the 20,000 s/f first phase of a comprehensive renovation plan for a total of 60,000 s/f of clinic, office and support space for Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. The renovation plan spans across three floors at its health sciences campus in Chinatown and has reached the milestone of Phase I completion in time for fall semester.

In 2009, ARC completed a five-story, 105,000 s/f vertical addition to the existing 10-story building for Tufts School of Dental Medicine at One Kneeland St., in one of the city's most densely-populated neighborhoods. Last year, the Vertical Expansion received LEED Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, and design awards from the Boston Society of Architects, the New England Chapter of International Interior Design Association and the Boston chapter of the International Facilities Management Association.

Following a master plan that was developed concurrently with the award-winning Vertical Expansion project, ARC implemented the comprehensive renovation plan on the second, third and fourth floors of the Dental School. "The design took its cues from the Vertical Expansion project. As part of an effort to implement a new approach to clinic care, the renovations reorganize academic clinic space to provide smaller and more intimate treatment groups, similar to an actual dental practice," said Rob Quigley, AIA, a principal at ARC who is the principal-in-charge of the renovation project and who also led the design team for the Vertical Expansion.

The redesign and renovation of the lower floors improves circulation, separates public patient and private staff/student spaces and provides administrative and technical support space directly related to each student practice group. Clinics managed at Tufts School of Dental Medicine provide care to more than 18,000 individuals each year.

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