Where will the new School of Nursing building be located?
The new School of Nursing Building will be constructed on property owned by Columbia University and will be located on the corner of 168th Street and Audubon Avenue. Anchoring the east end of campus, the new building is configured to encourage collaboration, interaction, and clinical excellence.

Why is the building needed?
As nurses assume more involved roles in planning and delivering patient care, Columbia Nursing continues to educate skillful, compassionate clinicians and world-class nurse scientists and researchers. The new School of Nursing Building will significantly enhance nursing education, research, and clinical practice at CUMC.

What distinctive features will be included in the building?
The modern, seven-story structure will provide the space to ensure the highest standards of learning and research that make Columbia Nursing one of the premier schools of nursing in the world. The new building will feature abundant natural light, ample air flow and climate control, eco-friendly features, and a café where students, faculty, and staff can socialize and relax. The School of Nursing building will feature the following elements:

- Simulation learning laboratory
- Rooftop terrace
- Flexible spaces for teaching, learning, and quiet study
- Presentation and meeting rooms
- Administrative, faculty, and research space
- Ground floor atrium and café space

Who is the architect?
CO/FXFowle, an award-winning architectural firm, is the Project Architect and has designed a place where students and faculty will collaborate and learn from each other. Working closely with the School of Nursing’s administration, faculty, and students, they have conceived an advanced, environmentally sound building.
What are the dimensions of the building?
The 68,000 square foot facility will be approximately seven-stories above ground.

Will the facilities be open to the public?
As is current practice, Columbia will coordinate with the community to make space available whenever possible.

When will construction start and end?
Demolition of the parking lot located at the corner of 168th Street and Audubon Avenue is set to begin in early 2015. Construction of the new School of Nursing building will begin shortly thereafter and will last approximately 28 months.

How will Columbia minimize construction impacts on neighbors during construction?
Construction of the School of Nursing building will use clean construction techniques that include air monitoring, and dust, noise, and vibration mitigation, pest control, and waste management, as part of a comprehensive strategy to be environmentally sustainable throughout and after the life of the project. The medical center will also coordinate with city agencies to minimize potential parking and traffic impacts, as well as to maximize pedestrian-friendly areas.

Once the building is enclosed, construction noise should be minimal.

What impact will construction have on the environment?
Columbia is committed to using sustainable design and aims to meet the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards for the School of Nursing. LEED, an internationally recognized green building certification system, provides third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built to improve performance in energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources.

Will Jobs be available under this project?
Yes. As an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, Columbia University is committed to ensuring that minority-, women-, and locally owned (MWL) businesses participate fully in Columbia’s contracting opportunities.

Who should I contact for more information about this project?
For questions about the project, please e-mail us at nursingbldg@columbia.edu.

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