

Appendix 5 – Capital Skills Showcase – Colchester Institute (May 2019)

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Colchester Institute was given project go-ahead in April 2018 to deliver two capital projects (total investment £10m) over the course of 2019-20 as follows:

1. STEM Innovation Campus
2. Centre for Health and Development

The projects were financially supported by Essex County Council £2.5m and LGF £5.0m

The College is pleased to report good progress on both projects and in accordance with the grant agreements.

STEM Innovation Campus

The Project will fulfil the vision of a 'Centre of Advanced Technology' for the Braintree.

The project will:

- transform campus from FE College to Technology Centre of Excellence
- provide specific skills training aligned to local employer need
- provide an employer focussed model co-delivered by employers
- deliver outcomes from the Essex Strategic Area Review - replacing poor quality accommodation with modern fit for purpose industry standard facilities

STEM Innovation Campus update

Construction works commenced in December 2018. The steel frame and concrete floors are in place. Currently the met-sec window openings are being formed and the roofing works have started. Cladding install commenced 13 May along with brick plinths.



Centre for Health and Development

The Centre will address the need to improve workforce skills in the Life Sciences and Healthcare sector, in particular addressing the mismatch between the number of young people entering the sector and the high level of job vacancies.

The project will:

- include a rooftop extension to the existing South Wing Building at Colchester Campus
- incorporate innovative teaching facilities across three settings including care, clinical and wellbeing, replicating surgical/medical hospital wards.
- provide realistic working environments, enabling innovative co-delivery teaching methods in Care and Assisted Living.

Centre for Health and Development Update

The College's planning application was approved in January 2019. This project had been purposely timed to follow on from the Braintree new build and will start on site in June and complete in March 2020 to minimise disruption to teaching and learning. Proposals for new fire routes and fire management have been agreed. Scaffolding was erected over the Easter break and is now nearing completion. This will enable works to start at the end of the summer term.

