

Pharmacy school holds groundbreaking ceremony

Tech to host first medical school lecture

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The Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy held a ceremonial groundbreaking Tuesday morning for its new Academic Classroom building.

The 23,000-square-foot facility to be built next to the existing classroom building at 1300 S. Coulter St. will include two 120-seat classrooms and allow the school to "decompress," Dean Arthur Nelson said.

The existing building serves 90 students in rooms designed for 70, he said.

The project is budgeted for \$8 million. The new building should be ready for classes in spring 2010.

Actual construction should start later this month.

"It should be sometime in October that they start excavating," Nelson said.

The addition will include a patient-simulation training and assessment center, administrative space for the school's student services and space for student and technology-support staff.

The School of Medicine next door is expected to begin construction on a fifth-floor addition to its building at 1400 S. Coulter St.

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