## RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION

Current building name: Clinical Services Building  
Historic building name: Clinical Services Building  
Building address: 901 East 18th Ave.  
Ranking: Non-Contributing

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural style classification: Modernist  
Building plan (footprint shape): Irregular  
Number of stories: 2-3  
Foundation material(s): Concrete  
Primary exterior wall material: Concrete  
Secondary exterior wall material: Brick  
Roof configuration/type: Irregular, broad, sloping angles  
Primary roof material: Metal  
Primary window type: Fixed, solid pane construction  
Primary window material: Metal  
Decorative features and materials: Poured concrete “rafter tails”  
Landscape features: Building cut to grade on hillside, surrounding trees and planted ornamentals  
Associated resources: Southwest Campus Axis  
Comments: No additional comments

## ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

Date of construction: 1967-1969  
Architect: Balzhiser, Seder and Rhodes, Architects  
Builder/Contractor: Unknown  
Moved? (yes/no): No  
Date of move(s):  
6/21/1985: Interior alterations to “Rooms 01 and 03”, University of Oregon Physical Plant Department, Job # 5523  
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS & SIGNIFICANCE

Original use(s) or function(s): Training and research for the physically handicapped
Current use(s) or function(s): Same as above
Area(s) of significance: Education, medical, Architecture
Period of significance: 1969-unknown

Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary):

Balzhiser, Seder, and Rhodes had plans drafted up in 1968 for a “Clinical Service Building for Mental Retardation”. Materials for the interior included “poured in place concrete,” solid brick walls, grouted brick walls, and solid brick and concrete walls. Framing called for 2.5-inch metal studs placed two feet on-center, with 1.5-inch sound attenuating batting insulation. Exterior materials for the north and east exterior elevations included striated colored concrete, smooth colored concrete, brick, vertical wood paneling, glass and corten steel roof. Materials for the south and west elevations were the same, with the addition of pre-cast concrete panels, and stucco infill between the upper story windows.

With the only alterations noted above on the interior, it appears that little has changed about this unusual building. The dedication was held on January 23rd, 1970. Paul Jacobson, then dean of the College of Education, presided over the ceremony. Speakers were Clay Meyers, Oregon Secretary of State; Dale Parnell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Roy Lieuallen, State Chancellor of Higher Education; and Robert Clark, University President. Of interest, Arthur Flemming, President of Macalester College and former University President, and Wayne Morse, former U.S. Senator from Oregon, were the main speakers for the dedication.

The Clinical Services Building was originally funded by the Kennedy Administration and was to “provide a service setting for interdisciplinary training and pool the skills of psychologists, speech pathologists, pediatricians, medical specialists, social workers, and educators,” and operated in conjunction with the University Medical School. During 1970, this facility was only one of two on the West Coast, and it is unknown if this is still the case at the time of this survey. At present, the building is utilized for similar purposes for which it was first constructed. The Head Start Classroom and Center on Human Development is also housed in building.

It could be eligible for the National Register when it reaches 50 years of age if it maintains its current high integrity and good condition and if an argument can be made for the building’s significance. Despite its excellent integrity, it is currently ranked as a non-contributing campus resource for its very low significance.

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Historic Significance (check one): _ High _ Medium _ Low X Very Low or None
Integrity (check one): X Excellent _ Good _ Fair _ Poor
Condition (check one): _ Excellent X Good _ Fair _ Poor

Building designation: _ City Landmark _ National Register _ National Historic Landmark X Not listed

Preliminary National Register eligibility findings
Building is potentially eligible: _ Individually or _ As a contributing resource in a district only
If eligible individually, applicable criteria (check all that apply):
_ A. Associated with significant events _ C. Distinctive architecturally
_ B. Associated with significant persons _ D. Archaeologically important

If applicable, building qualifies under NR Criterion Considerations: _ Yes _ No If yes, which apply:
Building is NOT eligible: X Intact but lacks distinction or _ Altered/loss of integrity or X Not 50 years old
DOCUMENTATION

Indicate resources consulted when researching this building (check all that apply):

- University archives
- Sanborn maps
- State Archives
- Local Historic Society
- Biographical encyclopedias
- UO Planning Office files
- Building permits
- State Library
- Personal interviews
- Obituary indexes
- Newspapers
- SHPO files
- State Historic Society
- Historic photographs
- Local Historic Society
- Personal interviews
- Historic photographs
- Other: See below

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**Original Plans:**
Balzhiser, Seder, and Rhodes, Architects, 725 Country Club Road, Eugene, OR.
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RECORDING INFORMATION

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