

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
University of Oregon Cultural Resources Survey
Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
Summer 2006, Updated 2025

RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION

Current building name: University Health Services

Historic building name: New Infirmary, Student Health Service Building, University Health Center, University Health & Counseling Center

Building address: 1590 East 13th Ave.

Ranking: Non-Contributing

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural style classification: Modern

Building plan (footprint shape): "H"- shaped

Number of stories: Two

Foundation material(s): Concrete

Primary exterior wall material: Reinforced brick (first floor)

Secondary exterior wall material: Pre-cast concrete panels (second floor)

Roof configuration/type: Low-sloped hipped roof with partial parapet

Primary roof material: Metal standing seam

Primary window type: Vertical casement windows

Primary window material: Metal frame

Decorative features and materials: Brick with pre-cast concrete arched lintels at doors and windows on first floor

Landscape features: Foundation plantings and sidewalks

Associated resources: 13th Ave. Axis

Comments:

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

Date of construction: 1966

Architect: Balzhiser, Seder & Rhodes, Eugene, OR

Builder/Contractor:

Moved? (yes/no): No Date of move(s): N/A

Description/dates of major additions/alterations: Various interior remodels since construction in 1966; 2006, Complete interior renovation and two additions by BOORA; 2018, Interior remodel and large addition to the west by Clark Kjos. 2024: Exterior Pharmacy walk-up window added to north facade.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS & SIGNIFICANCE

Original use(s) or function(s): Infirmary/Health center/hospital Current use(s) or function(s): Health & Counseling center

Area(s) of significance: Education / Health, Architecture

Period of significance: 1966

Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary):

Construction began on the new Infirmary in 1965 and was completed in early 1966 at a cost of around \$1.0 million. This unassuming building was designed in the modern style by Balzhiser, Seder & Rhodes, a local architectural firm that has done a good deal of work on the UO campus. Originally "H"-shaped and of approximately 38,000 square feet, the Health Center has two floors and a basement. It has a concrete foundation and is built of reinforced brick walls on the first floor and pre-cast concrete panels on the second. There are concrete arched lintels over the doors and the metal-framed casement windows. It has a standing-seam metal roof.

The ground floor arches appear to endorse the historical architecture on campus, yet the Health Center remains true to its modern form. Its architecture is non-descript.

This building was designed to house the Infirmary and has continued to do so. When it was first completed the second floor was designed as an in-patient unit with hospital beds. Recently, the medical emphasis has been changed to that of outpatient services. Over time, the Center's piecemeal alterations have separated related services into random areas of the building. It has undergone multiple interior remodels over the past forty years – room by room, almost yearly since its completion.

In 2006, the Health Center underwent a student fee-funded \$10 million expansion and interior renovation, designed by BOORA architectural firm. The remodel was designed to unify all clinical services on the first floor. A two-story entrance addition with elevator was added on the north side towards East 13th Avenue and a single-story addition was constructed on the east side towards Agate Street. The design of the additions mimics the current building in massing, rooflines, materials and both window type and placement. In 2018, another large addition, designed by Clark Kjos was added to the west to accommodate expanded services.

The University Health Services building has only fair integrity due to multiple additions along with a high degree of interior space remodeling. It is ranked as a non-contributing resource due to its very low significance and fair integrity.

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Historic Significance (check one): High Medium Low Very Low or None

Integrity (check one): Excellent Good Fair Poor

Condition (check one): Excellent Good Fair Poor

Building designation: City Landmark National Register National Historic Landmark 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: Intact but lacks distinction or Altered/loss of integrity or Not 50 years old

DOCUMENTATION

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> University archives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UO Planning Office files | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Building permits | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO files |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library | <input type="checkbox"/> State Historic Society |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Historic Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal interviews | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic photographs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical encyclopedias | <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary indexes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>see below</u> |

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University Health Center building file

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SITE PLAN

