



NYU Langone Health



How Small Details Make a Big Difference in Office Design

When NYU Langone decided to renovate their hospital administration offices there wasn't a detail left to chance. With plans to gut two floors of the building, the key stakeholders and architect thought through all the details of the workflow and office configuration for the desired end state. From the workstation configuration and use to countertop space for huddles and collaboration, personal storage, and more.



Across the floors, in addition to the workstations, they planned for 20-30 multi-functional countertop huddle spaces that also provided employee lockers and a place to responsibly dispose of trash and recycle materials. These countertops were strategically placed throughout the floors that ran end-to-end between the columns of the floor space. At first glance, Empire, the local furniture dealer working with the NYU Langone team, understood just how important the fit and finish of these countertops would be and a standard product was not going to cut it.

A Collaborative Space with Double-Sided Storage

The huddle countertops were designed with configurations that included double-sided lockers, trash and recycling receptacles, cabinets, and an overhang for knee space to stand or sit for meetings. The challenge was to ensure that the huddle and storage spaces matched up perfectly with the columns that were located at each end of the locker and countertop run. The look needed to be clean and simple.



For this unique requirement, Empire knew the importance of partnering with the right casework manufacturer and the best storage and installation partner to ensure the perfect solution and experience for NYU Langone. With previous experience in working with Modern Office Systems, they knew that Hamilton Casework Solutions would be up to the challenge and trusted that the complexity of this project would be taken care of.

In partnership with Modern Office Systems, the onsite field measurements, planning, and consultation with all parties would require precise manufacturing and installation. As the design of the countertop runs developed there were a few details that made this project come to life:

Lockers

With consideration of how many people worked in the space and how much countertop space was designed, the team understood how many lockers would be necessary. Rather than placing lockers side by side, the design consisted of alternating panels and lockers. The design spaced out the lockers to avoid overcrowding and a really clean look when looking down the aisle walking by.

The counter-height lockers were designed to fit employees' belongings including enough room for a parka on those cold New York days. The lockers are outfitted with a mechanical lock and coat hook on the inside.



Trash & Recycling Receptacles

The strategic placement of trash and recycling receptacles promote proper disposal of trash, paper, and plastic. Each type of disposal has a designated space and is noted by signage. The openings are accessible on both sides of the countertop run and are outfitted with stainless steel collars.

Within the cabinet itself, the details of the design and fit of the receptacles catching the trash or recycling content were taken into consideration. An elevated base shelf and guides on either side to ensure that the receptacle catches the items disposed of.



This design created symmetry at a glance when walking down the corridor. Not only did clean lines and the perfect fit create the look that NYU Langone required, but for consistency and flow through the office Empire acquired the proprietary Steelcase laminate color (clay wenge).

The design was perfect, the installation seamless, and the look was clean and professional, and most importantly it was a perfect reflection of NYU Langone.



Cabinet Storage

In addition to personal storage, office storage was also a must to hold office supplies like reams of paper and cleaning supplies. Oftentimes, one of the most overlooked elements of office design is the storage space. Having a convenient space to hold everyday items was important.



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