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ACC breaks ground on Round Rock campus

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The Austin Community College District broke ground on its new \$119 million campus in Round Rock this week.

In the first phase of the project, the community college is building nearly 275,000 square feet of classroom and administration space. That project is slated to be complete and ready for students in 2010.

Eventually, the ACC Round Rock Campus will encompass nearly 600,000 square feet and serve 11,500 students.

“We are working closely with the community to ensure citizens have affordable access to high-quality higher education and training programs to help them pursue successful careers,” said ACC President/CEO Stephen B. Kinslow.

The new campus will house traditional classrooms and science labs, as well as specialized facilities for a wide range of workforce programs, from automotive technology and renewable energy. The community college will also offer an associate degree-registered nursing program.

Round Rock Independent School District joined ACC tax district on May 10, enabling residents to pay in-district tuition of \$39 per semester hour.

“We’ve seen phenomenal growth among Round Rock students since voters approved the annexation,” Kinslow says. “Spring enrollments are up 54 percent over last year for students residing in Round Rock.”

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