

# ACC Round Rock campus to be pedestrian-friendly

## Five buildings to be constructed for fall 2010 opening.

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**Austin Community College's \$119 million Round Rock campus, which is scheduled to open in two years, will have five buildings and a pedestrian-friendly layout, giving it a more traditional college look than that of ACC's other campuses.**

**A master plan unveiled this week depicts a leafy campus with parking concentrated on the perimeter and walking access within 10 minutes to a branch of Texas State University-San Marcos, the Texas A&M University System's health campus, a hospital, housing, a public park and other development.**

"This campus will have a big emphasis on pedestrian walkways," Stephen Kinslow, ACC's president, said Wednesday. "I do think it will be a very beautiful campus."

Nan McRaven, chairwoman of ACC's board of trustees, said, "I think the citizens of Round Rock will be very proud of the new campus."

Groundbreaking will take place during the first quarter of next year, and classes are scheduled to begin in fall 2010, officials said. The campus will accommodate 5,000 students, but three buildings could be added later, bringing the capacity to 11,500 students.

That would make the Round Rock campus the largest in the ACC district, which now has seven campuses and about 35,000 credit-earning students, said Dean Jones, a spokesman for the college. Most of the existing campuses, six in Travis County and one in Williamson County, consist of one building.

The five buildings to be constructed at Round Rock are for health sciences, other sciences and math; general studies, along with a student commons and bookstore; a library and campus administration offices; applied technology such as automotive, welding and building construction programs; and a central utility plant.

"This is the largest initial build-out the college has ever done," Kinslow said. Besides having room for expansion, the 62-acre campus has been designed with somewhat larger classrooms to avoid the cramming found at some of ACC's older campuses, Kinslow said.

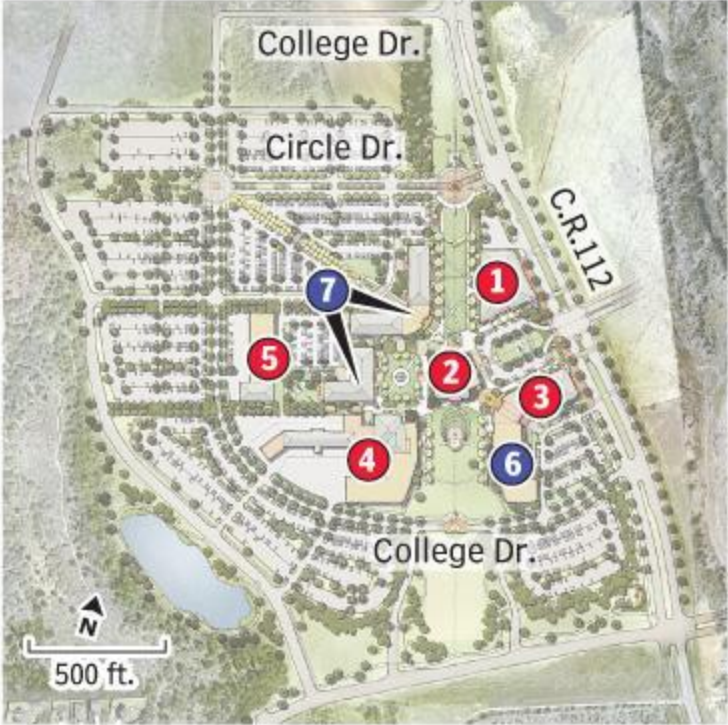
The architect for the project is Graeber, Simmons & Cowan Inc. of Austin; the contractor is SpawGlass Contractors.

The campus, which is just south of University Boulevard and adjacent to County Road 112, was acquired by a purchase and a donation.

ACC is also looking into obtaining 50 to 100 acres in the Leander area for a campus. The college's master plan calls for acquiring land in the Leander, Bastrop, Manor, San Marcos and Dripping Springs-Wimberley areas to accommodate population growth and a projected increase in the percentage of students who opt to attend a community college.



# ACC's Round Rock plan



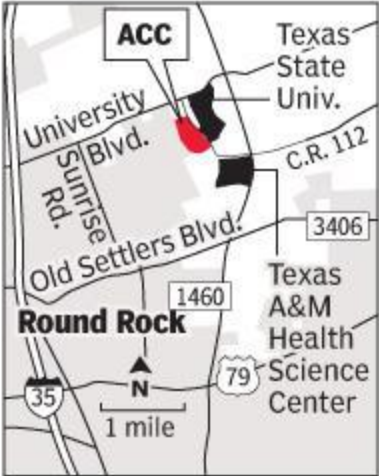
**● First phase**

- 1. General education, student commons, bookstore
- 2. Student services, campus administration, library
- 3. Health sciences, other sciences, math
- 4. Applied technology
- 5. Central utility plant

**● Second phase**

- 6. Health sciences II
- 7. General, continuing education II

Sources: Austin Community College, conceptual drawing by ACC's architect, Graeber, Simmons & Cowan Inc.



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