

BC3 begins to raze 2 buildings in preparation for high-tech, \$9M facility

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An excavator begins to demolish the roof of the shipping and receiving building on Butler County Community College's main campus in Butler Township on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021. The building was razed in preparation for the construction of the college's \$9 million, state-of-the-art Victor K. Phillips Nursing and Allied Health Building.

(Butler, PA) With repeated swipes of its five 6-inch steel teeth at the end of its outstretched 38-foot-long arm, an excavator Thursday morning began to shred the roofing and tear through walls of two buildings at Butler County Community College in preparation for the construction of the college's \$9 million, state-of-the-art Victor K. Phillips Nursing and Allied Health Building.

Contractor Murin and Murn, Glassport, began razing the college's century-old shipping and receiving facility, built when the Oak Hills Golf Course was located on what became BC3's main campus in Butler Township, and the college's 28-year-old maintenance building.

In their place will be the high-tech Victor K. Phillips Nursing and Allied Health building, whose construction could begin in the third quarter of this year. The building could open in 2023.

The 25,000-square-foot facility will feature a hospital-like setting and house the college's Shaffer School of Nursing and Allied Health. The Victor K. Phillips Nursing and Allied Health Building will provide an immersive learning environment with skills laboratories, simulated medical-surgery rooms and simulated ICU rooms.

The demolition and construction are part of the college's \$18 million south campus project, which includes the new 10,000-square-foot operations building that now houses the college's shipping and receiving, and maintenance staff.

Demolition and cleanup of the former shipping and receiving building, and of the former maintenance building, should be completed within three weeks.

The demolition and cleanup will increase heavy equipment activity on the south end of BC3's main campus. The college has adjusted its Shaffer Walking Trail and closed the south end of the Pioneer Path to avoid the activity. Signs with information about the adjustment and closure have been placed.

Parking Lot 7 will be closed indefinitely to allow for equipment to stage and for the safety of BC3 students and staff near the construction zone.

Sixteen firefighters from Butler Township, East Butler, Herman, and Veterans Affairs in Butler on Wednesday evening practiced forcible entry skills inside the two buildings before the buildings were to be razed.



A sign from what was once the shipping and receiving building on Butler County Community College's main campus in Butler Township is nearly buried in rubble after the facility was demolished on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021. The building was razed in preparation for the construction of the college's \$9 million, state-of-the-art Victor K. Phillips Nursing and Allied Health Building.



Kevin Smith, above, fire chief of the Butler Township Volunteer Fire Department, uses a K12 saw to slice through a metal garage door of the shipping and receiving building on Butler County Community College's main campus in Butler Township on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021. Smith, who is also the college's coordinator of fire and hazardous materials training programs, was among 18 Butler County firefighters who practiced forcible entry on the building on the eve of its being razed.

Mike Barnes, right, a firefighter with the Herman Volunteer Fire Department, uses a flathead ax to breach a wall within the shipping and receiving building on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021. Barnes is also the college's life safety systems and public safety training facility coordinator.

