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NSU and HCA East Florida Seek to Create Research and Medical Center

 In September, HCA East Florida announced its plan to file a Certificate of Need (CON) with the Agency for Health Care Administration requesting approval to build and operate a hospital of up to 100 beds that will significantly enhance teaching and research on Nova Southeastern University's (NSU) main campus. If approved, the hospital will anchor NSU's Academical Village – a Jeffersonian concept that is defined as “a community of scholars and students working closely together, combining theory and practice” and serve as the foundation for Broward County's only comprehensive research

and medical center.

Teaching and research will serve as the cornerstone of this collaboration between NSU and HCA East Florida, which will bring greater choice and access for patients in the community. NSU's Academical Village plans include more than three-million square feet of medical office, retail, residential, financial, hotel/conferencing, and governmental space alongside NSU's Health Care Clinics and contiguous to the university's new Center for Collaborative Research facility, which is scheduled to begin construction early in 2014. Approval of the CON is essential before the hospital can be built.

The proposed hospital, which will grow to become a major medical and research facility, will be privately owned by HCA East Florida. In addition, no public funds will be utilized in construction of the hospital. HCA East Florida's selection of this site for the hospital is due in part to NSU's main campus being located at the epicenter of the tri-county area, allowing the new hospital to serve all of South Florida.

If approved, the hospital will be located on an integral portion of NSU's 315-acre main campus. The natural synergies between the new HCA East Florida hospital and NSU include the university's degree program offerings in osteopathic medicine, dental medicine, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, nursing, occupational therapy, physician assistant, anesthesiologist assistant, mental health, family therapy, and more. The hospital, with its focus on teaching and research, will offer residencies, internships, clinical rotations, and practicums in these fields and others.

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