Spring 2018
School of Architecture
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
The Chicago Studio: Health and the City

Arch 572: studio (6 hrs)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: the design of a new wellness campus

The new Campus will serve as a source of financially sustainable community development to help improve the lives of more than 400,000 residents on the West and Southwest Sides of Chicago, representing North Lawndale, Little Village, Pilsen, Brighton Park, Back of the Yards, and Archer Heights neighborhoods. With plans for the more than 1 million square foot complex that offers retail, wellness, education, arts and recreation services customized to the needs of the community, the new campus will focus on the complete well-being of community members. The new campus will be housed on 22 acres at 31st & Kedzie Avenue, the former site of the Washburne Trade School. http://www.focalpointchicago.org/about-us

The campus will be financially self-sustaining—with income from its for-profit elements supplementing the financial needs of the not-for-profit elements—and will serve as a national model for community development across the country.

A newly designed Saint Anthony Hospital, the anchor to the wellness campus, will be examined in detail in the studio.

Students will interact with the project developer, neighborhood organizations, public health specialists, professional architects and designers.

Arch 576: seminar (3-4 hrs)
Critical issues in contemporary healthcare architecture
The course will use site visits, interviews, readings and discussion to critically examine the impact of the urban built form on health and health inequities. Students will understand concepts of population health, health determinants, chronic disease, health disparities and how each is impacted by built form.

This course will use Ogden Avenue in Chicago to explore concepts of urban health inequity:

Although Ogden Avenue’s glory days have faded, the neighborhoods it traverses offer a lens onto the impact of inequality. Ogden’s four-lane asphalt, peppered with potholes, slices through an incredible diversity of neighborhoods, connecting wide-lawned western suburbs to the edge of the...
steel-and glass-towered Gold Coast and to some of the lowest-income, most economically distressed communities in the country. The marginalized residents of these communities don’t just have different lifestyles, they have different lives: most critically, people who live in those western suburbs and on the Gold Coast live significantly longer than the people in the struggling neighborhoods in between. A twenty-minute commute exposes a near twenty-year life expectancy gap.

Arch 593: seminar (4 hrs)
Professional Integration
This course will explore the many varied architectural firms and settings where healthcare is designed, built, delivered and supported.

Students will tour a different firm and healthcare site each week, meeting architects, designers, engineers, clinicians, and facility managers and will learn how health and wellbeing are delivered and supported by the design community.