

Week 1

Monday, August 26th

Today was my first day. I spent the morning getting introduced and oriented with the office culture. I joined the 5-person Healthcare team which is in a separated office on George Street – so I moved into this office towards the end of the day to set up my desk and add programs I anticipate using throughout the internship.

Tuesday, August 27th

Most of the healthcare team was out of office today, so I spent the morning reading more about the firm through their website and their internal Facebook-like database called “squiggle.” This interface is shared by all the offices and outlines the company’s mission, vision, leadership, and shares daily posts that are company related (this includes office updates, birthdays, event descriptions, etc).

Weekly Reflection

- Total Hours worked: 8
- Coming from a large corporate firm this past summer, I noticed a lot of differences in new employee orientation at MPS. Internal rules and regulations are a lot less “formal” per say, while a large corporation traditionally goes by the books.

Week 2

out of office, Hurricane Evacuation

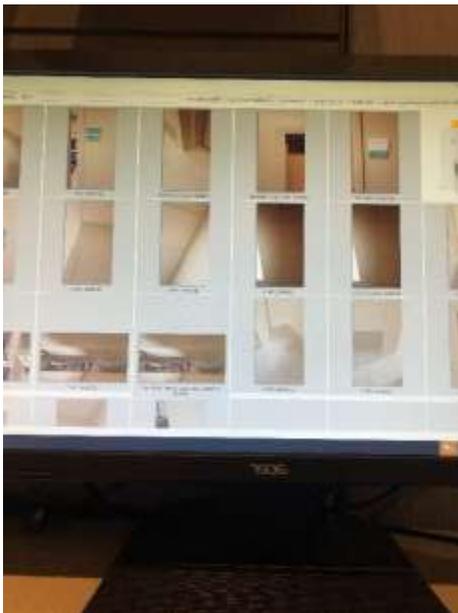
Week 3

Monday, September 9th - Wednesday, September 11th

MPS is in the middle of final punch’s and meetings with DHEC before the grand opening of the MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children’s Hospital by MPS and Perkins + Will. This week I was orientated with the project program and floor plans, and tasked to start organizing the punch list items (comments and corresponding photos) to give back to the contractor for review.

Thursday, September 12th

Aside from final punches for the Children’s Hospital, the team is also in the SD phase for the DAODAS Charleston County Social Services Hub. Today I was tasked with designing the 2nd floor plan which included departments for New Life, Detox, Transitional Care, Sobering, Crisis Stabilization, Child Care, and Building Support.



Punch List photos for MUSC Children’s Hospital



2nd Floor Proposal for the Social Services Hub

Weekly Reflection

- Total Hours worked: 16
- Luckily, I have studied behavioral health design strategies and planning during school. So when I was tasked to lay out the floor plan of the 2nd floor of the DAODAS Social Services Hub, I was able to reference case studies and other resources that I have used in the past. I was able to share these studies with my team, too. Together, we came up with an “H” layout with patient rooms at the legs of the H.

Week 4

Monday, September 16th

Continued to organize and add comments to punch list documents for MUSC Children's Hospital

Tuesday, September 17th

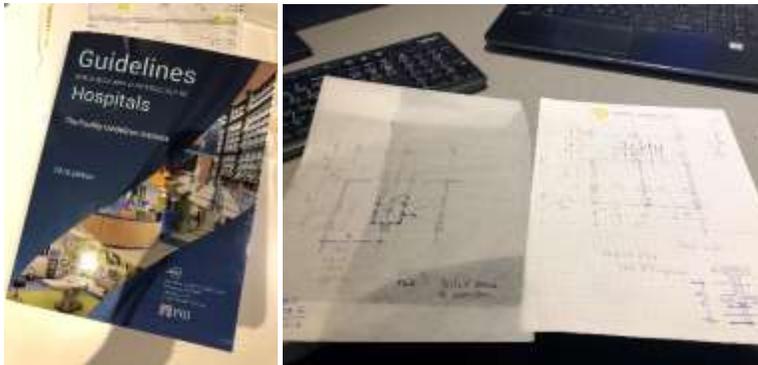
I have shown interest in the Children's Hospital and learning more about the primary, secondary, and tertiary circulation, landmarks, Operating Room Suites, and PICUs. So today I spent the day at the site doing external punches while getting a tour at the same time – it was awesome!



View from the rooftop Helicopter Pad

Wednesday, September 18th

I was in the office earlier than everyone else today, so I spent the first half of the morning reviewing the FGI Guidelines for Design and Construction – I will have to memorize this stuff someday, so might as well start leaning now. I spent the last half of the morning updating room layouts in the DAODAS 2nd floor plan.



FGI Guidelines for Hospitals

Bathroom layouts for DAODAS which I added in Revit

Thursday, September 19th

I spent the morning at the Children's Hospital punch listing the service stairs A & B. We finished earlier than planned so I was give a tour of the OR Suite and areas in the inpatient bed tower.



Weekly Reflection

- Total Hours worked: 16
- Although punch listing fire stairs isn't the "most fun" task, having the opportunity to go see the new MUSC Children's Hospital was more than rewarding. There is so much to consider and understand when designing a hospital. Patient

experience on top of staff experience is key to a successful design. Both MPS and Perkins and Will did an incredible job with the planning and spatial qualities.

Week 5

Monday, September 20th - Thursday, September 23rd

I spent this week compiling all of the documents/comments I have been organizing for punch listing of the MUSC Children's Hospital into a single InDesign document to provide to the contractors. It is organized so that each page shows "one room" which needs touch-ups and fixings, with labels of where that room is in the building (floor + room number). We wanted to make the document as clear as possible to review when inside the building so that it can be completed as quick as possible in preparation for the grand opening in mid-October. I ended the week partaking in a "roof leakage" meeting with the contractors, specialists, Hospital management, and architects.

Weekly Reflection

- Total Hours worked: 16
- This week was a lot of the same thing. I think the most rewarding part was partaking in the first half of the leakage meeting. Hurricane Dorain exposed joints in the roof that caused leakage – so the contractors are working to understand those leaks and decide the most cost effective way to patch them.