McGill University’s Faculty of Dentistry moved its undergraduate teaching clinic, preclinical simulation laboratory, clinical/community research unit and administrative operations to a modern building located at the corner of McGill College Avenue and Sherbrooke Street, where it occupies three floors. With the move, the Faculty ushered in a new era of dental education, clinical care, research and service to the community.

The Faculty’s new facility opened its doors on September 3, 2014, beginning the academic year in its new home. For the first time in the Faculty’s history, clinical and community research, clinical and preclinical teaching, and graduate and dental students have come together in this new space. This state-of-the-art facility is now also the hub of the Faculty’s community outreach activities.

It presents a wonderful opportunity to renew its facilities and to regroup more of the Faculty’s units under one roof in downtown Montreal so as to facilitate partnerships between dental and graduate students, clinicians and researchers.

This new location is more easily accessible for patients through public transport, provides easy access to campus for students and staff, and also increases the Faculty’s ability to fulfill its mission, combining academic excellence and community service.

The Faculty’s new clinic is at the cutting edge of dental education with the latest high-tech simulation technologies, teaching equipment and learning spaces that enable experiential and collaborative learning. An increased number of dental operatory chairs allows specific chairs to be devoted to research, emergency care and surgical procedures.

The new teaching clinic has 43 dental operatory chairs (compared to 30 chairs in the previous teaching clinic at the Montreal General Hospital). This is complimented by an additional 13 dental operatory suites which can be used for emergency, oral surgery, oral diagnosis and student & staff health.

Room 103A Teacher’s Desk and Operation Room 108 are linked, and both rooms are equipped with projection systems, Polycom DSP audio system, Crestron matrix switchers, Crestron automation, 15 42-inch LCD monitors, and four 50-inch LCD displays for viewing, recording and streaming live teaching sessions. The Seminar Room is equipped with a podium with document camera, PC, Crestron automation system with touch panel, a dual front projection system, voiceless system, and a video conferencing system. Three small Conference Rooms have 55-inch or 70-inch LCD monitors and Crestron automation system. The Student Lounge’s 70-inch LCD monitor is tied into the building’s digital signage system for communicating important information, or for presentations.