After more than 100 years providing skilled nursing services, the time had come for this senior care provider to reinvent itself to continue to meet its mission objectives and remain relevant in the marketplace. This project involved updates to support program objectives that would align services with resident needs. Multi-phased renovations to the 300-bed, multi-story nursing home, constructed in 1980, will ultimately result in 94 extended care nursing rooms, 66 short-term rehabilitation suites and 50 assisted living apartments, as well as ground floor dining and support spaces.

NURSING HOME TRANSFORMATION working “inside the box”
TYPICAL FORMER NURSING FLOOR medical model
This new residence type filled the void for an intermediate level of care and enabled the owner to become a full-service CCRC. Combining pairs of existing skilled nursing rooms created 18 market rate assisted living residences in close proximity to the main entrance and “Main Street” amenities.

- New AL Studios
- New AL 1BR
1st Floor Reinvention: Conversion to Assisted Living

Typical Existing Nursing Units

New Assisted Living Studio
Combining pairs of existing skilled nursing units created market-rate studio and one-bedroom assisted living residences that include kitchenettes and bathrooms with accessible showers.
The open country kitchen/dining and living room areas serve as the focal point within the assisted living neighborhood. Residents also have easy access to Main Street amenities and the renovated ground floor dining room.
The three levels of care are separated by floor. Each reconfigured neighborhood has its own entrance leading into the living areas. Finishes and lighting were updated in all resident rooms. Wherever possible within the constraints of existing infrastructure, census needs and budget requirements, rooms were renovated to provide larger, accessible bathrooms, particularly for those requiring staff assistance.
Realigning services to meet resident needs required the creation of a dedicated short-term rehabilitation neighborhood that would meet the expectations of independent living residents and members of the community. The third floor rehabilitation neighborhood has its own dedicated therapy area, while a separate outpatient therapy services area on the ground floor is adjacent to a new, lower-level entrance.

3rd FLOOR REINVENTION new short-term rehab neighborhood
REINVENTION renovations to rehab / skilled nursing rooms
Finishes and lighting were updated in all resident rooms. All of the third floor rehabilitation rooms and a number of the second floor skilled nursing rooms were renovated to provide larger, accessible bathrooms, particularly for those requiring staff assistance.
The design aesthetic needed to be transformed from clinical hospital to gracious boutique. The transformation is immediately apparent when stepping off the elevator where the focal point is now a series of LED bubble panels which set the stage for relaxation and healing.
Inside the neighborhood, a soft color palette and natural wood tones reflect the owner's holistic, personalized approach to providing state-of-art therapy in a comfortable, supportive setting.
The required nurse station, medications and other service areas are tucked away to allow the resident living spaces to become the centerpiece of the household.
Ground floor improvements included the dining area, offices and support spaces. The outpatient physical therapy area was also renovated with a separate ground floor entrance created to provide easy access.
Renovations to the ground floor involved converting the former cafeteria-style dining room into a more contemporary, upscale option for residents and staff. The bistro serving area is now tucked behind the scenes and table service is an option for the evening meal.
REINVENTION 6 phases / 3.5 years (phases 1 & 2 completed)