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With a **future-focused intent**, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College made **a significant commitment** to establishing a campus in Middletown's downtown core, **an ambitious expansion from the main campus**. Working with partners, CSTCC was able to renovate and set up shop in the former Cincinnati Gas & Electric Building. The facility includes classrooms and labs, student services areas (enrollment, advising, counseling, financial aid, study areas) and offices.

The community college's vision: create a campus atmosphere in downtown Middletown.

Challenge:

- **impact:** enhance student integration into the campus community
- understand and accommodate: create a space that will attract and retain students and faculty
- product mix: provide budget-friendly, green solutions
- · collaboration: support small-group and hands-on activities
- issues: capacity for initial enrollment as well as future needs
- brand building: use space as a brand tool

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Solution:

- multi-purpose spaces: accommodate scheduled class needs as well as breakout space
- collaboration needs: both inside and outside the classroom – every space is a learning space
- zones: provide open and private settings, appropriate spaces that support collaboration and classroom activity

Result:

- product selection: flexible, mobile seating; refurbished product
- future-focused: provides a state-of-the-art template for smart, active-learning spaces
- college brand: casual, open layout takes advantage of street-level windows as a marketing tool
- campus atmosphere: the ability to offer the same student services as on the main campus



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