



Vancouver, BC:

Jointly for UBC's Department of Education and the Faculty of Arts, The Colborne Architectural Group Pacific designed an 8,600-sq. ft. computer lab in the lower level of the existing David Lam Management Centre. Program space included four main teaching labs with a total of 62 stations, a 5 station specialized research lab, reception and administrative areas for the two user groups as well as the Faculty Development Centre. State-of-the-art technical facilities are fully linked to UBC's central computer 'backbone' as well as offering full digital audio-visual instructional features.

The design incorporates generous glazed walls to open up labs, facilitating public viewing as well as easing learning fatigue in a space with limited exterior windows. Tiered seating is used to efficiently configure teaching areas. Special attention is paid to artificial lighting systems, again to reduce impact on computer-users during extended class hours. Coloured stain on wood panel presentation walls, natural wood millwork and strong colour accent panels inject colour and brightness against broad planes of neutral wall and floor finishes. This project was completed in 1994 at a construction cost of \$530,000.