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Marc Clinton

Class of 2011

MHAworks Architects

Architectural Studies Integrative Project
Summer Internship 2010

MHAworks Architects

- MHAworks is a medium sized firm with offices in Durham and Greenville, North Carolina.
- The firm specializes in a variety of project types including:
 - Commercial/Industrial/Multi-Family
 - Healthcare
 - Education/Government
 - Worship Facilities



Office Life

The work atmosphere at MHA works was very relaxed which made it easy to concentrate on deadlines. The office that I worked in was in Durham, North Carolina, and was located adjacent to the historic Durham Bulls baseball stadium. The 25+ staff members also gave me the opportunity to experience different ways that architects work.





My Daily Routine

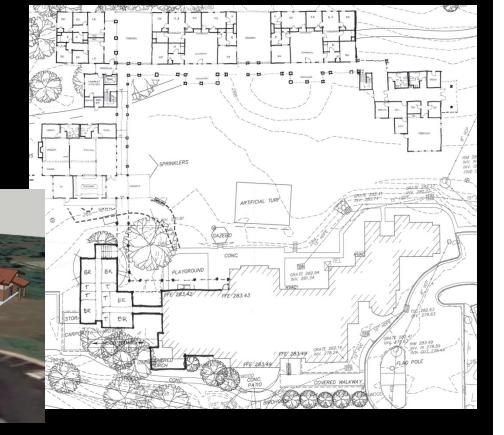
- I worked primarily with architects
 Toma Ermoshikina, Bill Gardner, and Jane McGarry.
- I assisted them with CAD drawings and 3-D SketchUP models along with visiting sites and taking field measurements.
- I also assisted other architects when they needed help if I was available.



Ronald McDonald House Addition

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

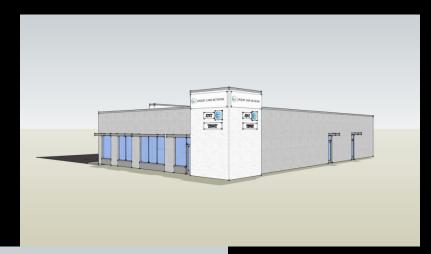
I assisted with the SketchUP model and AutoCAD drawings.



Urgent Care Center

Wilkesboro, North Carolina

This project was to renovate a video store into an urgent care center. I assisted with the design and created the model and floor plans.

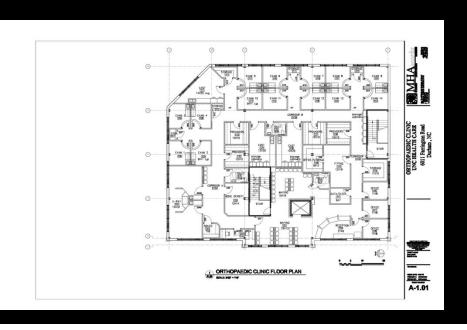




UNC Hospitals Orthopedic Clinic

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

I created and revised drawings including: floor plans, reflected ceiling plan (rcp), interior elevations and details.





Skills Learned

- I was able to refine my AutoCAD and SketchUP skills and was also introduced to other programs including Revit, a building program that works in 3-D and also creates 2-D drawings.
- I was introduced to the construction process and was able to communicate with other members of the build team including contractors, engineers and suppliers.

Reflections

I learned a lot of valuable information this summer and was able to gain valuable insight into how an architect works, but there is still more to learn.

I would have liked to have been more involved in:

- Doing code research (I was able to do some work involving handicap accessible bathrooms.)
- Meeting with the clients

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