

# EMS Case Study *National University of Health Sciences (IL)*



## Background

Founded in 1906 as the National School of Chiropractic, National University of Health Sciences (NUHS) is today the only chiropractic education institution in the United States that requires a bachelor's degree for entry into the program. The university, which enrolls approximately 650 students in eight degree programs, is one of only 16 colleges in the country accredited to offer the Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine program.

## Going Solo

Before EMS Campus was implemented, the academic schedule at NUHS was developed manually by a single staff member. "One person used a spreadsheet to manage the schedule," says Keith Werosh, the university's registrar. "If something happened to the person or the spreadsheet, we would be in trouble. That method of scheduling made it difficult to communicate and collaborate."

What's more, with 61 rooms, 1,300 class bookings per month and plans for expanding their course offerings, it was clear that the university needed to move to a system designed for academic scheduling, and one that was readily available to NUHS faculty and staff.

The final nudge in that direction came with the departure of the academic scheduler. "The individual who managed the class schedule was reassigned to other duties, leaving the university to scramble to get a reliable and user-friendly scheduling system in place," says Werosh. The school found what it was looking for in EMS Campus, and was

able to implement the system quickly. Werosh recalls, "We had a short amount of time to make the switch and it needed to be seamless. All in all, the transition went well."

## Campus-Wide Collaboration

Today, EMS Campus is an integral part of the academic scheduling process at National University of Health Sciences. "My office develops the course offering in our Student Information System, assigning faculty to courses and defining meeting days and times," says Werosh. "We then import this data into EMS to block out room usage."

### Fast Facts

- NUHS replaces manual scheduling system with EMS Campus and Virtual EMS; creates **optimal scheduling system**
- **1,300** bookings per month
- Using **Virtual EMS**, events and meetings are displayed online in **real time**.
- **Optimization tool** ensures **efficient** use of space.

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In this process, information is brought into EMS with the click of a button, and room reservations are created automatically.

The imported schedule is available to instructors and students campus-wide via the internet. "If faculty members need to move a class or schedule an exam in a different room, we have them submit a request through the Virtual EMS web component," says Werosh. "And just to confirm that we're making the best use of our space, we run the EMS Campus space optimization tool periodically."

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## Optimized Space = Minimized Expense

One unexpected benefit of implementing EMS Campus was the discovery that when academic space was optimized, plans for facility expansion could be delayed, allowing the university to use those funds for other purposes. "Having an integrated room scheduling solution in place that maximizes the use of our instructional space has helped the university realize that additional classroom space wasn't immediately necessary," observes Werosh. "Even with the recent introduction of new degree programs, NUHS has been able to effectively schedule all classes into existing space."

And when growth finally necessitates more space, EMS Campus will help the school justify that decision. "Through

the reports included in the system we'll be able to project when our existing space will no longer accommodate our increasing enrollment."

## Academic Scheduling...and More

Not only can EMS Campus be used to coordinate the academic schedule, it is also designed to simplify non-academic reservations, including all the equipment, catering, personnel and other resources they may require. Approximately 100 meetings and events are booked in EMS each month and displayed on the web through Virtual EMS.

"We love how new or changed events are displayed online in real time," says Werosh, "And the email confirmations and event reminders have brought our communications efforts to a whole new level."

## Seeing the Light

According to Keith Werosh, the difference between a manual scheduling process and EMS Campus has been dramatic. "It's night and day," he says. "We went from a situation where only one person had the keys to the schedule information, to opening the schedule to the entire university community and beyond."

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