

Trends and Ideas in Dorm Bathroom Design

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The movement in student residences is to develop and build more apartment-style housing, with a bathroom shared by 2-4 students. The goal is to create more of a “normal” residential feel vs. the larger cadre-style dorms with two residents per room and a multi-user bathroom.

The challenge faced by many colleges and universities is they have numerous cadre-style dorms that still have plenty of useful life. This leads to another trend where schools undertake remodeling and renovations to not only freshen and modernize the bathrooms, but also to bring them up to code.

This course focuses on dormitory bathroom design, including disability accommodation, bather privacy, the problems of mold, mildew and hygiene, and material and product alternatives to help keep bathrooms and showers cleaner.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Integrate accommodation and universal design principles to dormitory bathroom design.
2. Explain key challenges faced in bathroom design regarding accommodation, privacy, the fight against mold, and the cleanliness and hygiene in the space.
3. Master the characteristics of solid surface as a material choice for both new construction or renovation of dorm bathrooms.
4. Employing other tips, tactics and techniques to thwart poor dorm resident hygiene.

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