

RIPAL PATEL, AIA, LEED AP® BD+C

ASSOCIATE



EDUCATION

Masters of Architecture, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Bachelor of Sciences in Architectural Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS

Registered Architect, Illinois

LEED BD+C Accredited Professional

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Architects

U.S. Green Building Council

Illinois Green Alliance

Society for College and University Planning

Since joining Eckenhoff Saunders, Ripal has become an integral member of the firm's educational design team. Her commitment to listening, combined with a client-focused approach to planning and design, strong communication, attention to detail, passion for sustainable design, and high-performance building technology, help her provide excellent service to her clients. Major and recent projects include multiple interior build-outs for Duly Health and Care, renovations and additions to Highland Park Hospital, and serving as project manager for the LEED Gold Certified Nathan Hale Elementary School Annex. Ripal oversees Eckenhoff Saunders' sustainable design efforts including its work as a signatory of the 2030 Challenge.

Duly Health and Care

- Project Architect for the interior build-out of a three-story, 50,000 sf Medical Office Building in Westmont, Illinois.

- Project Architect for the interior build-out of a three-story, 50,000 sf Medical Office Building in Lockport, Illinois.

- Project Architect for Ophthalmology Suite Build-out in Joliet, Illinois.

Joliet Junior College

Joliet, Illinois

- Project Manager for Respiratory Therapy Program renovation and expansion project. A/E services to create a Simulated Training Lab with associated reception area, offices, classrooms, multipurpose room, and a lab classroom in approximately 7,000 sf of shell space within their existing primary health services building.

Nathan Hale Elementary School

Chicago, Illinois

- Project Manager for the design and construction of a new 3-story, 41,300 sf LEED Gold Certified academic annex to Nathan Hale elementary school for the Public Building Commission/ Chicago Public Schools.

Piney Woods Country Life School

Rankin County, Mississippi

- Campus masterplan for one of the oldest historically African American boarding schools in the U.S. Survey of all buildings on 2,000-acre campus. Created a report that documented which facilities could be renovated, re-purposed, or demolished. Served as consultant to Wonder, by Design.

- President's Home - Schematic Design

Chicago Public Schools*

Chicago, Illinois

- Project Architect for Walter Payton High School

- Project Architect for Juarez High School Performing Arts and classroom addition

- Various schools mechanical upgrades

- As a Design Manager at CannonDesign, Ripal worked on several projects as AOR. These were mostly capital improvements projects that varied in size - all renovations and improvements. These projects included: Steinmetz High School; Ellington; Peck Elementary; Lakeview; Vaughn; Scammon; Attucks; Peterson

Chicago International Charter School Ralph Ellison High School*

Chicago, Illinois

- Project Architect for addition and renovation for academic building, new construction of a separate PE building. 73,000 sf

Academy of Global Citizenship

Chicago, Illinois

- Planning and design for a new net positive energy elementary school campus on Chicago's southwest side.

Gurnee Viking Middle School*

Gurnee, Illinois

- Project Architect for new construction

University of Illinois at Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

- Project Architect for animal holding lab

Northeastern Illinois University*

Chicago, Illinois

- Campus planning studies
- Buildings B & E renovation
- Building A programming

Oakton Community College*

Skokie, Illinois

- Ray Hartstein Campus/Technology Center 59,000 sf addition

Highland Park Hospital

Highland Park, Illinois

- Surgery pavilion addition
- Radiology administration office renovation
- Hoover building re-roof
- South building window replacement
- HVAC upgrade AHU penthouse

St. Alexius Medical Center

Hoffman Estates, Illinois

- Pharmacy expansion

**Prior to Eckenhoff Saunders*