POINTS OF PRIDE 2022-23
Addressing workforce needs across Nebraska

The planned addition of a second rural health education facility on the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus will enable UNMC to expand the presence of its allied health and nursing programs and launch new programs to train physicians, pharmacists and public health professionals. Thanks to a public-private partnership, construction on the $85 million facility is expected to begin in September 2023 with projected completion in July 2025.

Giving hope to pancreatic cancer patients

UNMC and Nebraska Medicine physicians and scientists have launched a full-court press to aggressively pursue the development and testing of new therapies for pancreatic cancer, a disease that kills 200 Nebraskans each year. In 2022, the Nebraska Legislature approved $15 million in one-time funding – which will be matched by $15 million in philanthropic funding – for the Pancreatic Cancer Center of Excellence. Already, the med center’s pancreatic cancer researchers are supported by $8 million in annual funding from the National Cancer Institute.
Revolutionary patient care system developed

Imagine caring for patients – even visiting hospitalized loved ones – without donning the personal protective equipment necessary for high-risk infectious diseases. UNMC’s Global Center for Health Security team, in partnership with Otherlab and funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is making that vision a reality with ISTARI, the Isolation System for Treatment and Agile Response for high-risk Infections. The device is a modular, disposable, negative pressure isolation patient care system that can be assembled rapidly for COVID-19 and other biological threats.
High-tech facility benefits the state

Since opening in 2020, the Dr. Edwin G. & Dorothy Balbach Davis Global Center — and the work within UNMC’s high-tech simulation facility — has been an economic game-changer for the state of Nebraska. According to Tripp Umbach’s independent analysis, the center generated a total $217.7 million economic impact on the state during its construction, and its operations and activities provided tens of millions of dollars annually in additional impact since its opening. Those activities are driven by UNMC’s Interprofessional Experiential Center for Enduring Learning program, or iEXCEL, which uses a range of simulation and visualization technology that allow health care professionals to learn and become proficient in caring for patients in a safe and simulated environment.

Innovation Hub to spur research growth

UNMC plans to renovate the 1906 Omaha Steel Castings industrial tract to create an innovation hub that facilitates the growth of research and innovation and allows entrepreneurs, investors and innovators to collaborate. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2022, with completion in spring 2024. The Innovation Hub at Catalyst is part of UNMC’s larger Saddle Creek redevelopment project, which includes constructing a new, seven-floor administrative facility by December 2025.
UNMC FAST FACTS

4,406
Students enrolled, fall 2022

6,117
Employed by UNMC (5,257 FTE), September 2022

$875 million
UNMC’s operating budget (2022-23)
(19% state-supported)

500 miles
UNMC’s influence reaches across the state with campuses in Scottsbluff, Kearney, Lincoln Norfolk and Omaha.

$251.9 million
UNMC record in total sponsored awards (fiscal year 2022) (Total research-only sponsored awards for FY22 was $183 million)
Chancellor
Jeffrey P. Gold, MD

National ranking
Among the best in U.S. News & World Report rankings: Primary care, nursing, physical therapy, physician assistant and pharmacy programs – plus our online graduate nursing programs.

Major units
Six colleges: College of Allied Health Professions, College of Dentistry, College of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, College of Public Health; two degree-granting institutes: the Munroe-Meyer Institute and the Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases; and a graduate studies program.

Founded
1881, after being chartered in 1869. Originally the Omaha Medical College, the college became affiliated with the University of Nebraska in 1902.

University of Nebraska
The University of Nebraska Medical Center is one of four campuses of the University of Nebraska System. The others are the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

International appeal
UNMC’s 287 international students represent 36 countries (fall 2022).

Clinical partner
UNMC’s primary clinical partner, Nebraska Medicine, provides access to more than 1,000 physicians, nearly 40 specialty and primary care health centers and two hospitals (Nebraska Medical Center and Bellevue Medical Center) with more than 800 licensed beds. Nebraska Medicine traces its roots back to 1869 with the founding of Omaha’s first hospital. In the decades since, it has built an international reputation for breakthroughs in cancer care, organ transplantation and treatment of infectious diseases.