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 is renovating the 1906 Omaha Steel Castings industrial tract to create an innovation hub that facilities the growth of research and innovation and allows entrepreneurs, investors and innovators to collaborate. Construction is expected to finish in spring 2024. **The Innovation Hub at Catalyst** is part of UNMC’s larger Saddle Creek redevelopment project, which includes building a facility to support computer-based research and wet lab-based research for drug discovery, oncology research and other strategic research areas at UNMC.
UNMC/NEBRASKA MEDICINE DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY GENERATES $5.9 BILLION PER YEAR IN NEBRASKA

CREATES AND SUPPORTS MORE THAN 56,000 JOBS

GENERATES $220.2 MILLION PER YEAR IN TAX REVENUE

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.
Addressing workforce needs across Nebraska

Construction 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 be completed 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.
4,555
Students enrolled, fall 2023

6,334
Employed by UNMC (5,432 FTE), December 2023

$970 million
UNMC’s operating budget (2023-24)
(17.3% state-supported)

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

$252.7 million
UNMC record in total research expenditures, which includes all sponsored and research projects (fiscal year 2023). Total sponsored and state-aided research projects (a subset of above) topped $202 million for FY23.
Chancellor
Jeffrey P. Gold, MD (2014 to present)

National ranking
Among the best in U.S. News & World Report rankings: Primary care, nursing, physical therapy, public health, 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 282 international students represent 38 countries (fall 2023).

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.