

POINTS OF PRIDE 2024-25







EDGE District anchored by UNMC

EDGE District – located just west of UNMC in Omaha – will become a dynamic hub for health-focused scientific discovery, entrepreneurship and commercialization. UNMC owns much of the property in the triangle-shaped district and will work with multiple developers on various projects. The 30-acre district includes Catalyst, a building that will facilitate the growth of research and innovation and the CORE (Campus Operations and Research Excellence) Building, which will support both computer-based research and wet lab-based research for drug discovery, oncology and other strategic areas.



UNMC heart, vascular research center lands COBRE grant

UNMC's Center for Heart and Vascular Research is tackling diseases that are the leading cause of death and hospitalization in Nebraska and across the U.S. In 2024, under the direction of principal investigator Rebekah Gundry, PhD, the center was awarded more than \$11.8 million by the National Institutes of Health to create a Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) focused on finding answers for heart and vascular diseases.

Addressing workforce needs across Nebraska

The Douglas A. Kristensen Rural Health Education Complex on the University of Nebraska at Kearney's west campus will help boost the rural health workforce in Nebraska. The complex includes an existing building, which opened in 2015, and a second facility scheduled to open in early 2026. The new facility 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. By 2030, total enrollment at UNMC-Kearney will be nearly 750 learners.





Construction begins on residence hall for students

Construction has begun on a residential facility on UNMC's Omaha campus that will accommodate approximately 300 UNMC students. The \$66 million facility, located on the east end of campus, will be ready for occupancy in August 2026. The 200,000-plus-square-foot facility will include studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units, along with a 'graband go' food option with indoor and outdoor seating options.

iEXCEL helps train future health professionals

UNMC's Interprofessional Experiential Center for Enduring Learning plays a vital role in the education of surgical trainees. In 2024, iEXCEL earned full reaccreditation across all standards on its Annual Compliance Report from the American College of Surgeons Comprehensive Accredited Education Institutes. The surgical simulation program obtained its initial ACS-AFI accreditation in June 2021 for five years. UNMC leaders then hailed the accreditation - the culmination of a 10-year effort - as a "crown iewel" for the med center. Fewer than 100 simulation centers from across the world are accredited by the ACS-AEI.



uBEATS serves as national health science resource

Across the country, 48 states now utilize uBEATS, UNMC's free online science and health science resource for middle and high school students. Nationally endorsed, uBEATS – short for UNMC and UNO Building Excellence in Academics Through STEM – is now a member of the National Consortium for Health Science Education. Launched in 2020, uBEATS offers free digital content geared to grades 6-12 (as well as micro-credentials) in such areas as careers, pharmacology and public health, with upcoming modules on behavioral health and medical terminology.

UNMC FAST FACTS



4,703

Students enrolled, fall 2024



6,459

Employed by UNMC (5,506 FTE), September 2024



\$1.024 billion

UNMC's operating budget (2024-25) (16.6% state-supported)



500 miles

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



\$268.8 million

UNMC record in total research expenditures, which includes all sponsored and research projects (fiscal year 2024). Total sponsored and state-aided research projects (a subset of above) topped \$217.7 million for FY24.



Interim Chancellor

H. Dele Davies, MD (July 2024 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 289 international students represent 48 countries (fall 2024).

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.

