



POINTS OF PRIDE 2026-27

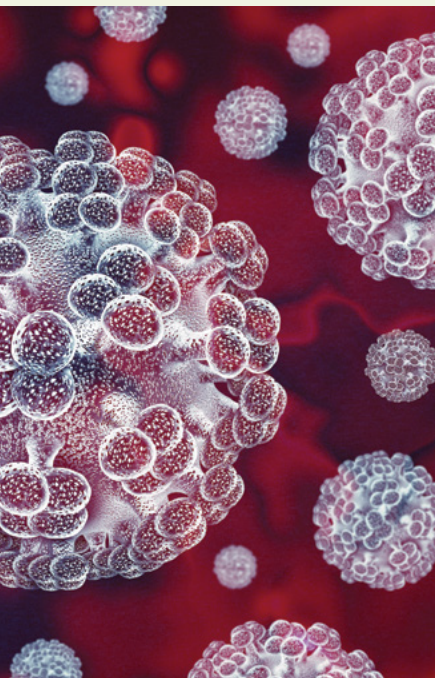


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National defense preparedness role to expand

Construction of an **Infectious Disease Air Transport (IDAT) training facility** will extend programs offered by the United States Air Force C-STARS (Center for Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills) Omaha Unit stationed at UNMC. The free-standing, \$17.4 million facility is expected to open in early 2028. In addition, UNMC's new Office for the Advancement of Military Medicine will coordinate support to programs and initiatives advancing military medical capabilities, preparing for strategic health threats and strengthening civilian-military integration.



National Quarantine Unit team answers the call

For six weeks, UNMC and Nebraska Medicine monitored 18 repatriated passengers aboard the MV Hondius, where an Andes **hantavirus outbreak** occurred after the ship departed South America. Passengers arrived in Omaha in May 2026 for monitoring and treatment in the nation's only federal quarantine facility. No cases of hantavirus were identified among the group.

Addressing workforce needs across Nebraska

To boost the rural health workforce in Nebraska, UNMC welcomed its first cohort of medical students to the Kearney campus in 2026, one year after welcoming its first pharmacy cohort and expanding its nursing and allied health professions programs. Students train in the **Douglas A. Kristensen Rural Health Complex**, which includes the Health Science Education Center I (which opened in 2015) and the Health Science Education Center II (which opened in 2026). At full implementation, UNMC will enroll more than 600 learners at the Kearney campus.



Grants to improve the health of Nebraskans

UNMC received several federal **Rural Health Transformation Program** grants. Among them are grants that will:

- **Improve children's health** – The five-year, \$2.5 million grant will grow Nebraska Kids Fitness and Nutrition Day by adding 10 new fitness- and nutrition-focused event sites.
- **Transform maternal health** – With \$2 million in first-year funding and a potential \$10 million five-year initiative, UNMC will focus on rural areas of Nebraska where maternal healthcare deserts are prevalent, including enhancing emergency room delivery readiness.
- **Enhance infection control** – Focused on rural facilities, the \$1.2 million grant will provide technical assistance and education for infection control and antimicrobial stewardship.

iEXCEL sharpens skills of healthcare professionals

Since opening the **Dr. Edwin G. & Dorothy Balbach Davis Global Center** in 2020, UNMC's Interprofessional Experiential Center for Enduring Learning (iEXCEL) has trained more than 268,789 learners in realistic, controlled environments that closely replicate real-world clinical scenarios.



Flexible programs that meet students' needs

Beginning in August 2027, UNMC **College of Pharmacy students** can opt for the traditional four-year program or instead earn their PharmD over six years. Twice-a-year admission at UNMC **College of Nursing divisions** in Lincoln, Kearney and Omaha, and UNMC's expansion in Kearney allow students to live, work and learn closer to home.

UNMC FAST FACTS



4,847

Students enrolled, fall 2026
26th consecutive year of enrollment growth



6,529

Employed by UNMC (5,623 FTE), September 2026



\$1.07 billion

UNMC's operating budget (FY 2026-27)
(16.7% state-supported)



500 miles

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



\$698.9 million

Reflects total research expenditures in fiscal year 2025
across UNMC, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the
University of Nebraska System's Office of the President.



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 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

In 2026, the U.S. Department of Education and Higher Learning Commission formally recognized joint accreditation of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Also within the University of Nebraska System: the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

International appeal

UNMC's 243 international students represent 43 countries (fall 2026).

Clinical partner

UNMC's primary clinical partner, Nebraska Medicine, provides access to more than 1,400 physicians, nearly 70 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.