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UNMC College of Public Health Mission

The College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center delivers high quality education, research, and public service emphasizing the following areas: biosecurity/biopreparedness; biostatistics; environmental, agricultural, and occupational health sciences; epidemiology; ethics and humanities in health; health disparities; health policy analysis, health services administration; health services research; health promotion/disease prevention; rural health; and toxicology.

The College is a principal provider of both professional and continuing education for the public health workforce for Nebraska and the region. Academic programs in the College prepare experts, including future faculty in public health specialties, to serve in Nebraska, nationally and internationally.

The College conducts high quality multi-disciplinary research with colleagues within and outside the University. The College develops its research priorities in collaboration with and in response to the needs that exist in the broader community.

Consistent with the University of Nebraska's mission as a land grant institution, the College of Public Health serves the public through effective public health interventions to increase population wellness; pursues effective and efficient methods for health care delivery approaches to reduce health disparities and provide high quality health services for the entire population; and offers advice and consultation to community organizations and public policy makers to enhance population health status.



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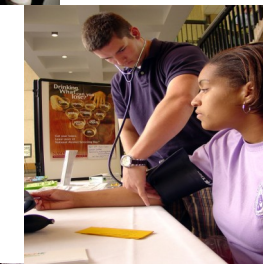
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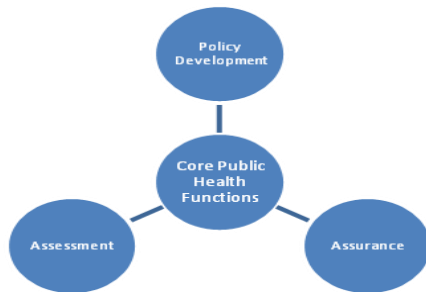


Center for Reducing Health Disparities

The Center for Reducing Health seeks to improve public health and the quality of health and wellness of racial/ethnic minorities, underserved, and urban and rural populations by reducing and ultimately eliminating health disparities. The Center looks to become a leader in providing research, community engagement opportunities, and education in prevention and intervention strategies to reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities.

The Center is one of the key functional centers in the new College of Public Health to improve health and wellness of people in Omaha and throughout the state of Nebraska. It was formed in early 2007, through the combination of two programs at UNMC -- Community Partnership and Minority Health Education and Research.

The Center supports the three core public health functions including: assessment, policy development, and assurance.



The Center monitors health status and assists in identifying community health problems and mobilizes partnerships to resolve these problems. Additionally, the Center is a link for the community to access health information thereby empowering individuals to be informed and educated about their health.

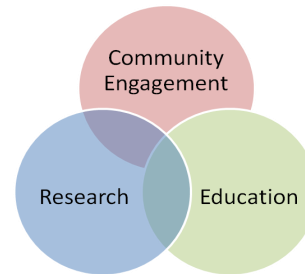
"...one of the greatest challenges facing the nation is reducing and eliminating the profound disparity in health status that exists for many of its populations."

Dr. John Ruffin, Director
National Center on Minority Health & Health Disparities

Mission

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The Center focuses on three primary areas which include: community engagement, research, and education.



The Center offers a number of services in each of the three focus areas.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- Health promotion programs and activities
- Limited community health screenings
- Presentations & workshops
- Access to community conference rooms at UNMC and at satellite offices
- Community dialogues

RESEARCH:

- Consultation on study design of projects targeting underserved communities
- Spanish translation services for IRB approved research related documents
- Promotion and enrollment of underserved groups in research studies

EDUCATION:

- Preceptor site for Masters in Public Health students
- Service-learning opportunities
- Campus speaker series
- Culturally competency course

Programs

NORTH OMAHA

- ALLSTARS program
- Diabetic Support Group
- Eastern Nebraska Community Action Program (ENCAP) Health Outreach Program
- Flu Vaccine Campaign
- Hypertension Support Group
- North Omaha Area Health (NOAH) Newspaper
- North Omaha Youth Health Careers Advisory Council
- PHAT & Fabulous
- Summer Health Enrichment Program
- Tobacco Prevention & Outreach
- Weekly Blood Pressure Clinic

SOUTH OMAHA

(All services available in Spanish)

- Diabetes Education
- Domestic Violence Education
- Latinas, Tabaco, y Cáncer
- Mental Health Support Group
- Parenting Workshops
- Radio Lobo Health Outreach
- South Omaha Health Fair
- Smoking Cessation Program
- Tobacco Prevention & Outreach

SPEAKERS

Presentations/workshops on a number of topics are available upon request including:

- African-American or Latino Health Disparities
- Healthy Lifestyles – physical activity, nutrition, tobacco, and smoking cessation
- Community Advocacy & Organizing
- Diabetes
- Cancer
- Mental Health

