A Great Place to Be

The University of Nebraska Medical Center is one of four campuses of the University of Nebraska: the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) and the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK). A 12-member Board of Regents ensures that the University meets its goals of quality instruction, research, and public service.

UNMC was established in 1881 as the first medical college in Nebraska. Today, in addition to the main campus in Omaha, the College of Nursing has campuses in Lincoln, Kearney and Scottsbluff; and the College of Dentistry is located in Lincoln, making UNMC’s campus 500 miles wide. UNMC is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Nationally Recognized Leader

UNMC is a nationally recognized leader in research, academics, and patient care. In fiscal year 2007, UNMC researchers received $80.2 million in new research awards, representing almost a 40 percent increase in funding from just four years ago. UNMC’s research funding from external sources has resulted in the creation of more than 2,400 highly skilled jobs in the state. Despite its recognition as a leader in academics, UNMC’s tuition costs consistently rank among the lowest in its peer group.

Through basic, clinical and translational research, UNMC investigators have pioneered important breakthroughs. UNMC has performed over 3,000 bone marrow transplants, and has operated its peripheral stem cell transplant program for nearly 25 years. In 2007, 352 organs were transplanted including liver, small bowel, kidney, pancreas and heart, bringing the total number of transplants performed to over 4,800. In 2007, over one-third of the transplant patients came from states other than Nebraska and from foreign countries.

One of a kind

UNMC’s Eppley Cancer Center is the only National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Center in a five-state region. The 10 level, $77 million Durham Research Center, which was funded almost entirely by private support, opened in 2003. The Durham Research Center houses UNMC’s top researchers, who are conducting studies on cancer, cardiovascular diseases, genetics, innovative biomedical technologies, neurosciences, stem cell transplantation, and nanomedicine.

Bright Future

In January 2007, UNMC added a College of Public Health to its academic enterprise. This College addresses a variety of issues facing Nebraska, including health promotion and disease prevention, environmental health and safety, health care delivery, and bioscience and biopreparedness. Scheduled for completion in 2008 are:

• The Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education, a four-level, 134,183-square-foot, building, which will serve as home to UNMC’s College of Medicine, and will replace obsolete facilities with technologically equipped classrooms and class laboratories.

• The Research Center of Excellence (RCE) II, located adjacent to the Durham Research Center. This 10-level, 242,000 square foot tower will house researchers focusing on cancer, biosecurity, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal and liver diseases, developmental biology, genetics, neurobiology, and organ transplantation biology.

• The Weigel Williamson Center for Visual Rehabilitation, the only non-profit provider of comprehensive visual rehabilitation services for children and adults in the region. The center will include offices and support facilities, exam rooms, testing/training rooms, low vision-adapted living areas, and a store where patients can test devices before purchasing them.

Slated for completion in 2009 is the Home Instead Center for Successful Aging. This two-level center will create physical space for geriatric medicine and geriatric psychiatry, and will increase clinical and translational research by establishing an appropriate environment for conducting clinical trials for Alzheimer's disease and other geriatric-specific disorders.

UNMC and The Nebraska Medical Center – A Partnership

The Nebraska Medical Center (comprised of the former Clarkson Hospital and University Hospital) and UNMC are two separate, but linked entities with a collaborative vision to become a world renowned academic health sciences center. UNMC and The Nebraska Medical Center are partners, with a common goal to provide patients with the highest quality, cost effective care. Both are committed to providing expanded opportunities to educate health professionals, conduct world-class research and provide community outreach. UNMC and NMC are profoundly impacting health care as well as Nebraska’s economy. In 2006, an independent research firm determined that UNMC and NMC have a $1.5 billion dollar annual economic impact in Nebraska.