

THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF EXCITING AND REWARDING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES.

Careers in Health Sciences show strong growth, so the prospects are bright. UNK offers several degree options and many pre-professional programs with rigorous academics focused primarily on the sciences that prepare students for entry into a health career. Students are adequately prepared to compete for admission to a clinical program or professional school in their chosen Health Science area.

EDUCATIONAL TIMELINES

UNK HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM	PRE-HEALTH SCIENCE AT UNK	PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL OR CLINICAL TRAINING
PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS:		
Athletic Training	3-4 years	1-2 years
Cardiovascular Perfusion	4 years	2 years
Chiropractic	3-4 years	4 years
Dental Hygiene	2 years	2 years
Dentistry	4 years	4 years
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	3 years	1 year
Dietetics	4 years	2 years
Medical Lab Science	3 years	1 year
Medicine	4 years	4 years
Mortuary Science	2 years	2 years
Nursing	2 years	2 years
Occupational Therapy	4 years	2-3 years
Optometry	3-4 years	4 years
Pharmacy	2-3 years	4 years
Physical Therapy	4 years	3 years
Physician Assistant	4 years	2.5 years
Podiatry	3-4 years	4 years
Public Health	3-4 years	2 years
Radiologic Technology	2 years	2 years
Respiratory Therapy	3 years	1 year
Speech Language Pathology	4 years	2 years
DEGREE PROGRAMS:		
Health Sciences	4 years	-
Applied Health Science 2+2	2 years	2 years

UNMC AT UNK – The University of Nebraska Kearney is a campus location for the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The Health Science Education Complex is a partnership between UNK and the UNMC Colleges of Nursing and Allied Health Professions, delivering high quality health profession education. This state-of-the-art facility houses more than a dozen programs, including nursing, radiologic technology, physician assistant studies, physical therapy, occupational therapy, medical laboratory science, medical nutrition, and cardiovascular interventional technology education.

NEW! In 2023, we broke ground to add a second, larger facility to further grow our state’s talent pipeline in the health sciences. This new Rural Health Education Building will expand current programs and bring new options to the UNK campus, including medicine, pharmacy, public health, respiratory therapy, and mental health – all high-need areas in rural Nebraska.

STUDENT SERVICES

UNK students in Health Sciences receive **ASSISTANCE** in numerous ways. Academic advising helps students choose the **BEST COURSE** of study to provide the appropriate academic background for their chosen program, as well as assisting them to choose the career best suited for their **INTERESTS AND ABILITIES**. Help with the application process is also available. The department provides current information about health careers, professional schools, and clinical programs and sponsors speakers, workshops, meetings, a Health Science Club, AED: The Health Pre-Professional Honor Society and other activities for students.



ACCEPTANCE RATES

Admission to clinical programs and professional schools is highly competitive and never guaranteed. However, UNK is very proud of student success in gaining admission. The overall acceptance rate of UNK students to all various health programs has been over 80% for the last ten years. Here are the acceptance rates for individual programs over recent years.



“ I will have an **ADVANTAGE** in professional school because of the overwhelming **SUPPORT** and **PREPARATION** from UNK faculty. I have visited UNMC and met with the Pharmacy School Assistant Dean who gave us a tour and talked about opportunities. We see things early to know what to expect – that includes small and large hospitals. My education is **MORE THAN PREPARING ME** for my future.

SAM BUSS
CHEMISTRY (PRE-PHARMACY)
CLASS OF 2024

PROGRAM OF STUDY	2022		2023		2024	
	ACCEPTED/ APPLIED	PERCENT ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED/ APPLIED	PERCENT ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED/ APPLIED	PERCENT ACCEPTED
Accelerated Nursing	4/4	100%	5/5	100%	5/5	100%
Athletic Training	7/7	100%	4/4	100%	6/6	100%
Cardiovascular Perfusion	0/0	0%	0/0	0%	0/3	0%
Chiropractic	5/5	100%	2/2	100%	6/6	100%
Dental Hygiene	3/4	75%	6/6	100%	7/7	100%
Dentistry	5/5	100%	2/2	100%	1/3	33%
Dietetics	0/0	0%	3/3	100%	6/6	100%
Health Inf. Mngt.	0/0	0%	0/0	0%	0/0	0%
Medical Lab Science	2/2	100%	2/2	100%	4/4	100%
Medicine	6/10	60%	15/17	88%	6/11	55%
Mortuary Science	0/0	0%	0/0	0%	0/0	0%
Nursing	51/52	98%	48/48	100%	53/58	91%
Occupational Therapy	9/9	100%	7/7	100%	7/8	88%
Optometry	0/0	0%	0/0	0%	1/1	100%
Osteopathy	1/2	50%	2/3	66%	2/2	100%
Other Health Professions	0/0	0%	0/0	0%	2/2	100%
Pharmacy	7/7	100%	10/10	100%	8/8	100%
Physical Therapy	13/15	87%	9/13	69%	8/11	73%
Physician’s Assistant	5/6	83%	8/10	80%	3/7	43%
Podiatry	0/0	0%	0/0	0%	0/0	0%
Public Health	0/0	0%	0/0	0%	3/3	100%
Radiologic Technology	16/16	100%	9/9	100%	12/14	86%
Respiratory Therapy	1/1	100%	4/4	100%	2/2	100%
TOTALS	135/145	93%	136/145	94%	142/167	85%

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

If you have specific questions or would like to request an information packet on one of our degree options or pre-professional programs, please feel free to contact us:

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