

# BLOCK DIRECTORS

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Each block of the Phase 1 Curriculum has a minimum of two block directors whose specialties align with the content of that block. The blocks also have specialists that lecture within the block. Students will learn key principles and objectives through a variety of learning experiences focused on interactive and facilitated learning in both the classroom and clinical environments. UNMC encourages learning in small groups and extensively incorporates simulation into its clinical curriculum.

## M1 Fall Semester

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