The purpose of the College of Allied Health Professions is to advance health care by:

We lead the world in transforming lives to create a healthy future through extraordinary care, discovery and learning.

Our mission is to lead the world in transforming lives to create a healthy future for all individuals and communities through premier educational programs, innovative research and extraordinary patient care.

We provide consultant services and leadership to groups and organizations concerned with the delivery of health care to provide services as appropriate to patients and to the public so that the health of the populace may be improved and maintained.

History

The Legislative Act of February 15, 1869, provided for the formation of the University of Nebraska, and included provision for a college of medicine. In 1883, the University of Nebraska College of Medicine was established at Lincoln.

It continued in operation until the 1887 session of the Legislature withdrew its appropriation, necessitating discontinuance of the college on May 19, 1887. The Omaha Medical College, incorporated at Omaha in 1881, became a part of the University of Nebraska in 1902. The merger resulted in the first two years of the four year medical curriculum being given in Lincoln and the last two years in Omaha. Since 1913 the entire curriculum has been offered in Omaha. The College of Medicine is a component of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), one of the four major campuses of the University of Nebraska System.

At its October 1972 meeting, the Board of Regents of the University established the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP) as a formal entity of the College of Medicine on the Medical Center Campus.

Thirty-six years later, on September 25, 2008, all the programs in the SAHP finally came together in one building when the renovation of Bennett Hall (built in 1918) was complete.

Since its inception in 1972, the School of Allied Health Professions grew considerably in the depth, breadth and geographical reach of its educational programs. It dramatically enhanced extramural funding, including the addition of numerous endowed faculty and chair positions, and expanded the scope of faculty involvement and responsibility across UNMC, and at national levels of leadership within professional organizations. In response to this growth, in the fall of 2014 UNMC put forth a proposal requesting approval to transition the School of Allied Health Professions to a free-standing college.

On January 30, 2015 the University of Nebraska Board of Regents unanimously approved the proposal. This was followed by unanimous approval on March 12, 2015 by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. On July 1, 2015, the former School of Allied Health Professions became the UNMC’s sixth college – the College of Allied Health Professions.

On August 6, 2015, University of Nebraska Board of Regents approved the appointment of Kyle Meyer, Ph.D., as founding dean of the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s College of Allied Health Professions.

Educating Health Professionals

UNMC has been engaged in the education of allied health personnel for decades. It began in the early 1930s with a class in Medical Technology and a class in Radiologic Technology.

A Bachelor of Science degree program in Physical Therapy Education was established in 1970. In 1989 it was replaced by the Master of Physical Therapy program and again in 2001 with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy program.

The Nuclear Medicine Technology program was established in 1972 followed by the Radiation Therapy Technology program in 1973. The Physician Assistant baccalaureate degree program was also established in 1973 and was replaced in 1993 by the Master of Physician Assistant Studies.
In addition to these formal degree programs, a post-baccalaureate
generalist dietetic internship program was initiated in 1976 to provide
experiences in clinical, administrative, community and consulting
dietetics.

At its March 1988 meeting, the Board of Regents of the University
approved the Division of Radiation Science Technology Education (RSTE),
which incorporated the training of Radiographers, Nuclear Medicine
Technologists, Radiation Therapy Technologists, and Diagnostic Medical
Sonographers into one Bachelor of Science degree in Radiation Science
Technology Education.

Approval was obtained at the October 1989 meeting of the Board of
Regents to establish a Clinical Perfusion Education Program within
the SAHP. This new program admitted its first students in August 1990
and awarded a post-baccalaureate certificate upon completion of the
21-month training program. In May 2000, this certificate program was
replaced by a Masters in Clinical Perfusion.

A certificate program in Cytotechnology was approved by the Board of
Regents in 1994. This program admitted its first student in August of
1994.

Computed Tomography (CT) / Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
education began in 1994, and the Cardiovascular Interventional
Technology program started in 2000. MRI received JRCERT accreditation
status in May of 2012, and MRI and CT separated in 2013 with
CT changing to a practicum.

The CAHP expanded to a second campus, opening the doors of the
Health Science Education Complex (HSEC) in Kearney (https://
www.unmc.edu/alliedhealth/about/hsec-kearney.html) on August 20,
2015.

In 2016, Medical Nutrition added the Master of Medical Nutrition degree.
The Clinical Laboratory Science program changed their name to Medical
Laboratory Science, and RSTE became the Department of Medical
Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences.

The Genetic Counseling master’s program and the Occupational Therapy
doctoral program were approved in 2017.

The online Health Professions Teaching and Technology (HPTT) program,
approved in 2016, saw their first certificate graduate in 2017. Their first
master’s graduates followed in 2018.

Genetic Counseling was fully accredited in 2019 and matriculated their
first cohort.

Degree

- Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging & Therapeutic Sciences DAO
  (http://catalog.unmc.edu/allied-health-professions/medical-imaging-
  therapeutic-sciences-dao-bs/)
- Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science DAO (http://
catalog.unmc.edu/allied-health-professions/medical-laboratory-
  science-dao-bs/)
- Cardiovascular Interventional Technology (http://catalog.unmc.edu/
  allied-health-professions/cardiovascular-interventional-technology/)
- Clinical Perfusion (http://catalog.unmc.edu/allied-health-professions/
  clinical-perfusion/)
- Computed Tomography Practicum (http://catalog.unmc.edu/allied-
  health-professions/computed-tomography-practicum/)
- Cytotechnology (http://catalog.unmc.edu/allied-health-professions/
  cytotechnology/)
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography (http://catalog.unmc.edu/allied-
  health-professions/diagnostic-medical-sonography/)
- Genetic Counseling (http://catalog.unmc.edu/allied-health-
  professions/geneticcounseling/)
- Health Professions Teaching & Technology (http://catalog.unmc.edu/
  allied-health-professions/health-professions-teaching-teachnology/)
- Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP) (http://
catalog.unmc.edu/allied-health-professions/interservice-physician-
  assistant-program/)
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (http://catalog.unmc.edu/allied-health-
  professions/magnetic-resonance-imaging/)
- Master of Clinical Perfusion DAO (http://catalog.unmc.edu/allied-
  health-professions/clinical-perfusion-dao-master/)
- Master of Physician Assistant Studies DAO (http://
catalog.unmc.edu/allied-health-professions/master-physician-
  assistant-studies-dao/)
- Medical Laboratory Science (http://catalog.unmc.edu/allied-health-
  professions/medical-laboratory-science-program/)
- Medical Nutrition Education (http://catalog.unmc.edu/allied-health-
  professions/medical-nutrition-education/)
- Physical Therapy (http://catalog.unmc.edu/allied-health-professions/
  physical-therapy/)
- Physician Assistant Education Program (http://catalog.unmc.edu/
  allied-health-professions/physician-assistant-education-program/)
- Radiation Therapy (http://catalog.unmc.edu/allied-health-
  professions/radiation-therapy/)
- Radiography (http://catalog.unmc.edu/allied-health-professions/
  radiography/)