

# COLLEGE OF NURSING

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### Letter from the Dean

Health care delivery is more advanced in our country today than at any time in our nation's history. New discoveries, advanced technology, and expanding knowledge continue to guide healthcare decisions, treatments for complex illnesses, and the training needed to prepare the next generation of nurses. Health professionals are recognizing the benefit of interprofessional education and how this model can improve health quality and lifespan.

Our faculty members have been at the forefront of new learning strategies, with a transition to a competency-based curriculum that helps students develop skill proficiency while learning how to care for the whole person, the family, and community. This type learning is student centered and focuses on outcomes demonstrated and assessed over time by multiple methods. Advanced simulation suites, with augmented and virtual reality, and faculty-led scenarios help students hone clinical thinking skills in a safe environment with feedback and practice opportunities. At the graduate levels, students learn with expert clinicians, leaders, and scientists, gaining world-class experience in stellar clinical and community environments throughout Nebraska and beyond.

Since 1917, the College of Nursing has been committed to quality nursing education in Nebraska. As the state's oldest publicly supported college of nursing, the College has produced over half of the working nurses in the state. The College has grown to span five divisions. Regardless of which division you select — Lincoln, Kearney, Omaha, Norfolk, and Scottsbluff, you will encounter faculty who are committed to your success. The University of Nebraska Medical Center is known across the country and well respected among its peers. Our Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program is ranked among the top undergraduate programs in the nation by U.S. News & World Report and is accredited to the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The UNMC College of Nursing is making a difference across the state of Nebraska and the world. You are part of the impact we are making.

I am excited that you have chosen to join us here at the College of Nursing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. We are available to answer any questions and I encourage you to work closely with faculty and staff as you progress through your educational journey.

I am confident that your experience in either of our programs will be life changing and prepare you to be transformational nurse leaders, educators, practitioners and scientist in the global community.

Welcome, and I wish you the very best!

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