

EARLY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS

Nebraskans and quality health care for citizens of the state. Selection criteria and procedures are the same as those for RHOP.

Rural Health Opportunities Program

The Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) is a cooperative venture of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), Chadron State College (CSC), Peru State College (PSC) and Wayne State College (WSC). RHOP was designed for rural Nebraska high school students, interested in returning to rural areas to practice pharmacy, and who intend to apply for admission to CSC, PSC or WSC as pre-pharmacy majors. Through the RHOP program, students obtain early acceptance into the pharmacy program contingent upon satisfactory completion of the three-year pre-pharmacy program at CSC, PSC or WSC. Students must meet minimum GPA requirements in accordance with individual school policy. In addition, students admitted through RHOP must participate in the special clerkship program for rural students during their final professional year. Students will be chosen based on academic potential (including SAT or ACT scores), commitment to practicing in rural Nebraska, county or city of residence (rural communities of less than 10,000), pharmacy exposure, extra-curricular activities and interviews with faculty at CSC, PSC or WSC and UNMC's College of Pharmacy. Students interested in this program should talk with their high school career counselor or contact copadmin@unmc.edu.

Rural Pharmacy Practice Educational Initiative

Students who are residents of Nebraska and have demonstrated outstanding scholarship during the first year or second year of their pre-pharmacy program at a rural college institution (outside Omaha and Lincoln) may be eligible to apply for early acceptance to the College of Pharmacy through the Rural Pharmacy Practice Educational Initiative (RPPEI). Early acceptance status may be granted to a maximum of five applicants each year who are residents of Nebraska with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 and a science GPA of 3.50 for the first or second year of their pre-pharmacy program, and who have been nominated by their pre-pharmacy advisor. Successful applicants must complete the remainder of the pre-pharmacy program at their current institutions, and if academic performance is maintained, will be guaranteed admission to the College of Pharmacy for the following year. Under the RPPEI program, admission priority will be given to individuals who, in addition to the above criteria, are from rural Nebraska counties (populations of 25,000 or less), and who have a stated commitment to return to rural Nebraska to practice. Applications are encouraged from students in those public and private institutions located in rural Nebraska counties. Further information may be obtained from pre-pharmacy advisors or by writing to copadmin@unmc.edu.

Kearney Health Opportunities Program (KHOP)

The Kearney Health Opportunities Program (KHOP) is a cooperative program between the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). The purpose of the program is to recruit and educate students from rural Nebraska who are committed to returning to rural Nebraska to practice healthcare. This program represents a commitment and dedication to the education of