

# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

## Message from the Dean

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the College of Pharmacy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Since our founding in 1915, the UNMC College of Pharmacy has established itself as a leader in pharmacy education, research, and service. In 2025, we continue to build on that legacy with nationally recognized programs, groundbreaking research, and innovative approaches to health care. Our students, faculty, staff, and alumni embody our mission to improve human health through excellence in education, discovery, and patient care.

We prepare the next generation of pharmacists—highly trained professionals equipped with the scientific knowledge, clinical expertise, and compassion necessary to advance patient-centered care. We also educate pharmaceutical scientists whose research drives innovation in drug discovery, development, delivery, and outcomes. And we cultivate leaders—role models and advocates who are shaping the future of pharmacy practice locally, nationally, and globally.

Our Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program is consistently ranked among the top in the nation. In 2024, our graduates' performance on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) remained in the top 5 of all 141 accredited pharmacy schools, continuing a proud tradition of excellence. Our curriculum emphasizes applied learning, professional development, and preparation for a rapidly evolving health care landscape marked by advancements in pharmacogenomics, personalized medicine, and digital health technologies.

We are also excited to welcome students to our Kearney campus in 2025, an expansion that reflects our commitment to increasing access to pharmacy education and addressing workforce needs across the state. This growth allows us to better serve Nebraska's communities while offering students a dynamic and collaborative learning environment.

Our graduate programs in Pharmaceutical Sciences offer robust training leading to the MS and PhD degrees, with research opportunities in areas such as medicinal chemistry, drug delivery, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics. Our graduates are highly sought after by academic institutions, industry leaders, and government agencies for their scientific rigor and innovative thinking.

Whether you are just beginning your journey in pharmacy or advancing your career through research and innovation, the UNMC College of Pharmacy offers a collaborative, student-centered environment where you can thrive. Here, you'll find a community committed to excellence, dedicated to advancing health care, and passionate about making a difference. I invite you to join us and take part in shaping the future of pharmacy—your path starts here.

Warm regards,

Don Klepser  
Professor and Interim Joseph D. Williams Endowed Dean

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