COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

From the Dean

Welcome to the UNMC College of Public Health, a community of students, faculty, staff, and partners dedicated to fostering innovative solutions to improve our nation’s health. At the UNMC College of Public Health, we are putting knowledge into practice and implementing a new era of public health grounded in social justice, community engagement, innovative public health practices, and public health policies that support community health efforts.

The College’s work as a vital partner of a broad and integrated academic medical center, in conjunction with our State and local health departments and our corporate and community partners, has helped make Nebraska one of the healthiest states in the nation. Although we have made great strides to improve the health of Nebraskans, UNMC is committed to making Nebraska the healthiest state in the nation. This challenge makes for an unparalleled learning environment for our students and faculty.

Public health is confronted by unprecedented societal and global health challenges affecting billions, including climate change, globalization, increasing chronic and communicable diseases, and new health system(s).

While the challenges are great, the UNMC College of Public Health is capitalizing on the breadth of talents, innovative ideas, and resources of our vast network of students, faculty, and partners to create groundbreaking models for health promotion, disease prevention, and public health policies that support community health efforts for Nebraska, the United States, and the world.

For those committed to creating a culture of health, UNMC’s College of Public Health provides countless opportunities to improve the health of populations in placements with local health departments, insurers, health care systems, community organizations and more. These experiences are specifically designed to prepare our alumni for the public health of the future and to give them a competitive edge in the global market.

Sincerely,
Retired Assistant Surgeon General (USPHS)
Dean, College of Public Health (https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/)
University of Nebraska Medical Center (http://www.unmc.edu/)

Mission & Vision

Mission:
Collaboratively and relentlessly seek new and creative solutions to the most challenging problems in public health while working to prevent them from happening in the first place.

Vision:
Healthiest people & places worldwide.

Values:
• Health Equity - We believe everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to attain their highest level of health
• Diversity - We believe embracing the diversity of people and ideas is the healthiest and best way to achieve common goals
• Knowledge - We believe high-quality education, research, and partnerships are key to discover public health solutions that work
• Collaboration - We believe working together with communities in Nebraska, across the country, and around the world is powerful
• Innovation - We believe that constantly seeking new and creative approaches raises the bar for public health and best practices.

Degrees

• Certificates (http://catalog.unmc.edu/public-health/academic-programs/certificates/)
• Master of Public Health (http://catalog.unmc.edu/public-health/academic-programs/master-of-public-health/)
• Master of Health Administration (http://catalog.unmc.edu/public-health/academic-programs/master-of-health-administration/)
• Dual Degrees (http://catalog.unmc.edu/public-health/academic-programs/dual-degrees/)
• Master of Science (http://catalog.unmc.edu/public-health/academic-programs/master-of-science/)
• Doctor of Philosophy (http://catalog.unmc.edu/public-health/academic-programs/doctor-of-philosophy/)
• Doctor of Public Health (http://catalog.unmc.edu/public-health/academic-programs/doctor-of-public-health/)

Accreditation

CEPH Accreditation:
The University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health (College) is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). In July 2017, the CEPH Board of Councilors acted to accredit the College for a seven-year term, extending to July 1, 2025.

Link to the College’s 2016 Final Self-Study document and CEPH’s Final Report (https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/about/accreditation.html).

The UNMC College of Public Health acknowledges and appreciates the contributions from our students, faculty, alumni, and partners. The CEPH Board of Councilors approved the College’s request to initiate the process to obtain college-wide accreditation in October 2009, and the College received initial accreditation in October 2011. Prior to the College’s accreditation, the Master of Public Health Program, a joint program between University of Nebraska Medical Center and University of Nebraska Omaha, had been continuously accredited by CEPH since 2002.

The U.S. Department of Education recognizes CEPH (http://ceph.org/about/) as the accrediting body for schools and programs of public health. For additional accreditation information, please contact CEPH (http://ceph.org/about/).

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CAHME Accreditation:
The College’s Master of Health Administration degree was approved as a Candidate for accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) in April 2023, and is in the process of applying for full accreditation. For additional accreditation information, please contact CAHME (https://cahme.org/healthcare-management-education-accreditation/about-cahme/).