



Why UNMC College of Pharmacy?

University of Nebraska College of Pharmacy:

Founded:	in 1908 as part of Omaha Medical College; became separate educational institution in 1915; celebrated 100 years of pharmacy education during 2008-09 academic year
Degree:	has offered PharmD degree since 1976 (3 rd college in U.S. to go to PharmD as entry-level degree)
Research Funding:	For 2013, ranked #8 among 54 Colleges of Pharmacy in NIH research funding per full-time faculty position (6 th consecutive year in top 10) and #19 in total NIH dollars of research funding (up from #25 in 2012).
GPA:	Average GPA for entering students in 2013 was 3.55; average GPA of applicant pool was 3.439
Enrollment:	240 students – 60 per class
Ranking:	top 30% of US Colleges of Pharmacy according to US News & World Report
Teaching Excellence:	NAPLEX – 2009-2013 = 100% pass rate on first attempt (for 2013, average score of 109.4 ... compared to national average score of 104.0) Dedicated to academics, strengthening our program by revising our curriculum to include additional Pharmacotherapy training and enhanced educational opportunities through electives and Introductory/Advanced Pharmacy Practice experiences.

Accreditation:

- Received 8 year, full accreditation, from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education in January 2013.

Facility:

- Board of Regents approval, January 2013, for a new College of Pharmacy building, the **Lozier Center for Pharmacy Sciences and Education and Center for Drug Discovery**.
- The new 85,000-square-foot building will increase research capacity and will replace and expand the education space of the existing College of Pharmacy building, now known as The Joseph D. and Millie E. Williams Science Hall. The existing building will continue to be devoted to cutting-edge research.
- The \$35 million building is completely funded through private support.
- Construction on the new building began in mid-2014, with completion targeted for Fall 2015.

Student Demographics:

- Among the new first-year students in 2013, 84% are Nebraska residents with 47% of the students coming from outside Omaha and Lincoln, and 14% of the students being admitted via the College of Pharmacy's rural student early acceptance programs.
- The breakdown of first-year students includes 60% female, 40% male, and 21% are minorities.

Attrition:

- Over past 13 years (ending with the graduating class of 2014), 97.3% of students have graduated from our program (attrition rate = 2.7%)
- Of the students leaving our program during this time period, over half withdrew for personal reasons

Honors / Scholarships:

- Over \$600,000 in scholarships and other leadership awards and prizes were presented to 100 College of Pharmacy students at our annual Fall Honors Convocation. Most of these scholarships and awards come from the professional success of our alumni and friends, and their generosity.

Where do graduates go?

- In 2014, 40 students graduated from the UNMC College of Pharmacy. 26 graduates (65%) took positions in Nebraska, with 18 going into community practice, 1 taking up institutional practice and 7 pursuing residencies. 10 graduates (25%) took positions outside Nebraska, with 4 going into community practice and 6 pursuing residency training. Overall, 33% of graduates went on for residency training.

Student Involvement & Achievement (examples):

- **AMCP Student Poster Competition:** Carolyn Corn, P3, was the national winner for best student poster at the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) Foundation's 14th Annual National Student Pharmacist Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Competition and 2014 Best Poster Contest at Tampa, Fla. Corn's poster, "Healthcare Resources Analysis of Influenza-Like Illness," is related to the College of Pharmacy's ongoing rapid diagnostic testing projects. Judges evaluated posters and their authors on the paper's scientific merit; evidence that the research conducted was innovative and practical; evidence that the results of the study match the paper's conclusions; the relevance of the study to managed care pharmacy practice; the clarity of the material; and the knowledge of the author regarding the subject matter during his or her presentation.
- **UNMC's Chapter of Bridge to Care** was honored with the opportunity to present at the Community Campus Partnerships for Health Conference in Chicago, IL in May 2014. P3's Joshua Blood, Andrew Lemke & Caci Schulte presented the topic "Addressing Health Disparities of Resettled Refugees While Enhancing Personal & Professional Growth of Students and the Community". Bridge to Care is an inter-professional student-led program that seeks to facilitate positive health care outcomes for recently resettled refugees in the Omaha community.
- **ASHP Clinical Skills Competition:** Caroline Jamison and Ashley Schenk (P3's) represented the College of Pharmacy at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Meeting in the Clinical Skills Competition in December 2013. Over 100 teams from colleges of pharmacy throughout the United States competed. The competition focused on a cancer case regarding multiple myeloma. Ashley and Caroline were the only P3s in the country to make the top ten. They represented the college at the highest professional level.

Leadership/Recognition:

- Julie Oestreich, Pharm.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, received the College of Pharmacy 2013 Distinguished Teaching Award. The Student Advisory Committee, a committee consisting of student leaders, requests nominations and selects the recipient.
- Alumni & past Faculty Members currently serving or with past service as Deans of Colleges/Schools of Pharmacy across the United States:

Dr. Dean Arneson (alum)
Dr. J. Chris Bradberry (faculty)
Dr. Mary J. Ferrill (alum)
Dr. Jack E. Fincham (faculty)
Dr. Dick Gourley (faculty)
Dr. Lisa Lawson (alum)
Dr. Tom S. Miya (alum)
Dr. Arthur A. Nelson, Jr. (faculty)

Dr. Robert W. Piepho (faculty)
Dr. Daniel Robinson (faculty)
Dr. Harry Rosenberg (faculty)
Dr. Donald Stansloski (faculty)
Dr. Sidney J. Stohs (faculty & alum)
Dr. Scott Swigart (alum & faculty)
Dr. Clarence Ueda (emeritus faculty)