

What others are saying

University of Nebraska Medical Center Center for College of Nursing Sciences

Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy

"We see a growing need for nurses and other health care professionals, particularly in our rural communities. Expanding UNMC's nursing programs is an important contribution that we hope will help Nebraska hospitals hire the additional staff they will need in the coming years."

Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey

"I am very pleased the University of Nebraska Medical Center continues to expand its facilities and provide high quality education to health care professionals. The new College of Nursing facility will enable UNMC to increase the number of nurses who graduate and go on to serve Omaha and the surrounding areas. The college is a valuable asset to our community and I am confident we will continue to see great things from the university, its faculty and students."

Stan Truhlsen, M.D.

Emeritus professor and former chair, UNMC College of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology

"We've had some serious problems with the nursing shortage. It's a wonderful thing for the university to step in and help relieve the shortage. It will increase not only the number of practicing nurses, but also the nurses who will teach. This is another feather in UNMC's cap. It shows Dr. Maurer's vision in the growth of the medical center into a world-class institution."

Gail Walling Yanney, M.D.

UNMC College of Medicine alum

"It is thrilling to know that a 'state of the art' facility dedicated to the education of nurses will exist alongside the fabulous Sorrell Center. Nebraska, indeed, our whole region, will be well-served by the best and brightest health care professionals that pass through our world class institutions."

Suzanne Scott

Community volunteer

With two sons practicing medicine, I'm often reminded of the critical shortage of nursing professionals. Physicians and patients alike should cheer this expansion of UNMC's nursing profession and thank Ruth and Bill Scott for the generosity that has made it possible."

Kim Russel

President and CEO, BryanLGH Health System

"BryanLGH Health System welcomes UNMC's expanded commitment to nursing education in our state. Registered nurses, including nurse faculty, are an essential resource that will impact every Nebraskan. This new facility will benefit the state for many years in the future."

Jim Young

Chairman and CEO, Union Pacific

"The University of Nebraska Medical Center has a long and proud history of leadership in the areas of research, patient care, education and outreach. For 90 years, the College of Nursing has played an integral role in building UNMC's renowned international reputation. This new building will open doors to hundreds of additional qualified nursing students, help address the growing nursing shortage, and position the college for long-term growth that will benefit UNMC and all of Nebraska."

Sandy Kasner

President, Sandy Kasner Carpet

"The proposed new nursing building is a vital link to continuing the tradition of excellence of care. This new facility will assure future generations of the same level of quality care that I received during my recent hospitalizations at UNMC. I applaud your foresight."

Lou Burgher, M.D., Ph.D.

President, Clarkson College

"Clarkson College, a fellow member of The Nebraska Medical Center, celebrates the planned expansion of the UNMC College of Nursing. The prospect of additional nursing educators and expanded opportunities for nursing research will be of critical benefit to all of Nebraska."

John Niemann, Ed.D.

Senior vice president, University of Nebraska Foundation

"Ruth and Bill Scott are leaders. And, real leaders are forward looking people. The Scotts recognized well a serious shortcoming relating to healthcare delivery, the impending nursing shortage that impacts us all. Their leadership gift supporting the new Center for College of Nursing Sciences directly and effectively addresses this great challenge for UNMC and all of Nebraska. Their foresight and leadership are both exceptional. Thank you, Ruth and Bill Scott."

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Virginia Tilden, D.N.Sc., Dean of the UNMC College of Nursing

“The new facility in Omaha is not just about more nurses. It’s about the highest standards of nursing education. Studies show there’s a strong correlation between really rigorous clinical education for nurses and better patient outcomes and that’s what Nebraskans deserve. Our job is to educate nurses for Nebraska in numbers sufficient for Nebraska’s needs and also educate those nurses to the levels and standards required for today and tomorrow’s acute care environments.”

Louise LaFramboise, Ph.D., Associate professor of nursing and director of the undergraduate nursing program, UNMC College of Nursing

“We appreciate that the Scott’s gift also will help the college provide more nurse faculty for the state. As an educator, I have the opportunity to pass on my high standards of nursing care. I loved being a staff nurse but as a faculty member, I get to influence eight to 10 students a semester in a bigger way than I could have as a staff nurse. My standards are pretty high and I’m able to pass that on. As a faculty member, you deal with so many things. You have a new group of students each semester. I have never been bored and I’m always challenged.”

Kristen Bryan Wessel, Maternal-newborn nursing instructor, UNMC College of Nursing

“In 2010, we will only see the start of nurses and nurse faculty retiring. It’s only going to get worse. I see a lot of potential with the additional building. We will be able to prepare more faculty as well as nurses for bedside care. We’ll have more space for patient simulators, which we are progressively integrating in our curriculum. It gives students experiences in controlled, abnormal situations they can’t always get in the clinic. The benefit is they get a chance to see the situation as real, with all the distracters. They have time to go through the critical thinking steps in order to implement a safe intervention.”

Brandi Babcock, Graduate student, UNMC College of Nursing

“What the Scotts are doing with this generous gift is influencing the health and lives of so many people. Each student who is a part of UNMC’s nursing program will be able to use the extraordinary education they receive in many areas of health care. A higher level of education begins with a place to learn and thanks to the Scotts, we’re able to build a center revolved around superiority in care.”

Cleve Greaves, Undergraduate nursing student, UNMC College of Nursing

“I wanted to be a nurse 20 years ago. I love the one-on-one patient experience. My brother, the doctor, tried to convince me to be a physician, but I wanted to be a nurse. I like the interactions with clients. ‘I’m finally doing something that makes me feel good about me.’”

Katie Swanson, Undergraduate nursing student, UNMC College of Nursing

“My mom is a nurse in the ER. She loves her job and is passionate about it. She comes away from work feeling good knowing she’s helped people and I share that same drive. I want to do something that helps people, makes them smile and makes a difference in peoples’ lives.”