



Kendra Schmid, PhD

Dr. Schmid, who will become the executive associate dean for graduate studies, is currently the assistant dean for graduate studies and assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs at UNMC.

Dr. Schmid joined UNMC in 2007 after completing her PhD in statistics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and currently is a professor in the UNMC Department of Biostatistics. In addition to her faculty position, Dr. Schmid has served in university-level administrative roles as the assistant vice chancellor of academic affairs, a role that includes overseeing the Office of Institutional Research, directing the Office of Accreditation and Assessment and serving as UNMC's academic liaison to the Higher Learning Commission.

Her previous administrative appointments in the UNMC College of Public Health include two years as interim chair of the biostatistics department, one year as interim associate dean of academic and student affairs, and five years as director of master's programs. Dr. Schmid has taught statistics and biostatistics courses and trainings to multiple audiences, including undergraduate and graduate students, in-service teachers and research groups. She has served as primary mentor for 13 students and mentored nearly 50 students as a committee member.

Her research portfolio includes leading or collaborating on more than 40 funded projects studying a variety of health disorders, authoring and coauthoring numerous peer-reviewed publications and working with international companies on commissioned research projects.

Dr. Schmid's work has been recognized by numerous media organizations, and she has received awards for her efforts in research, teaching and service. Dr. Schmid has held national roles through participation on data safety monitoring committees and institutional review boards, and she currently serves on the board of directors for the American Statistical Association.

In addition to an MS and PhD in statistics, Dr. Schmid also holds a Master of Arts degree in educational administration, with an emphasis on higher education administration.