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How to apply for RHOP

Step 1:

Apply for admission at www.wsc.edu/apply. After applying, you'll receive your Wayne State College student account information, which you'll need to apply to RHOP.

Step 2:

Visit www.wsc.edu/scholarships to apply for RHOP through our scholarship system.

Note: You may apply for only one professional field within RHOP.

Step 3:

If selected, interview with Wayne State College and University of Nebraska Medical Center faculty and staff.

Application deadline: Dec. 1, 2019

Interviews will be conducted in January.

Visit www.wsc.edu/rhop to learn more.

For general questions regarding the RHOP scholarship, eligibility requirements, or guidelines, please contact the Health Professions Office:

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For questions and information related to each RHOP field of study, please visit www.wsc.edu/rhop or contact a program advisor:

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focus on Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP)



focus on rural health care



“I was interested in the healthcare field throughout high school and was drawn to the RHOP program as I would not only have free tuition, but I would be guaranteed a spot to continue my studies at UNMC. I'm thankful that I do not have loans for my undergraduate studies, as I will be taking out large loans for medical school.

The science courses at WSC are very rigorous and prepared me well to study medicine at UNMC. I realized this most when I was preparing for the MCAT exam last summer. When studying, I found many of the topics to be review. While at Wayne State, I have greatly grown in my understanding of diverse individuals and broadened my viewpoints on social issues. I attribute this to not only meeting students of diverse backgrounds, but also the challenges presented in class by the professors. I have been challenged to understand social injustice to minority groups, and I feel this will greatly improve the quality of care I provide as a physician.**”**

- Jaden Moore, '19

HOMETOWN | Norfolk, Neb.

MAJORED IN
Chemistry Health Science
with minors in biology and psychology

Caring for Rural Nebraskans

Rural communities make up a majority of Nebraska. They are the lifeblood of the state and deserve quality medical care. Established and successful for more than 30 years, the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) is a special cooperative program between Wayne State College and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) to meet that need.

As a citizen of rural Nebraska, you've experienced the rural lifestyle, and you know the unique needs of your community. That's why we're recruiting Nebraskans like you - because you're dedicated to your home state and you care about its rural health care needs. We do, too. Our program represents that commitment and will prepare you to return to rural Nebraska and care for its citizens.

Program Benefits

Participants in the program receive **guaranteed admission to UNMC, full tuition at Wayne State College**, early registration privileges, and special opportunities to visit UNMC during your education at WSC. Alternates for the program will also be eligible for scholarship opportunities and receive early registration privileges.



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All benefits are contingent upon successfully maintaining and completing the program requirements.

Visit www.wsc.edu/rhop to learn more about eligibility rules and program requirements.

Participating fields, timeline, and positions available

Alternates are selected for each program.

Fields	WSC / UNMC	No. of Positions Available
Dental Hygiene	2 years / 2 years	2
Dentistry	4 years / 4 years	4
Medical Laboratory Science	3 years / 1 year	4
Medicine (family practice, obstetrics, pediatrics, psychiatry, general surgery)	4 years / 4 years	5
Nursing	2 years / 2 years	6
Pharmacy	3 years / 4 years	6
Physical Therapy	4 years / 3 years	2
Physician Assistant	4 years / 28 months	3
Radiography	2 years / 2 years	3



“I chose RHOP because it's an amazing opportunity for students. By receiving the RHOP scholarship, I didn't have to take out any money in student loans, and that was a big deal for me and my parents. It has given me a network of students that all share the same passion and has brought me closer to my professors. Once I graduate from WSC, I will go to UNMC to study in their PA program. I hope to one day practice emergency medicine in Wayne or back in Fremont, where I'm from.**”**

- Brant Ridder

HOMETOWN | Fremont, Neb. **MAJORING IN**
Biology (Pre-Physician Assistant)

Who can apply?

High school seniors from rural Nebraska* who:

- are residents of rural communities (see below)
- will receive a high school diploma or equivalent
- have a desire to become a health care provider and return to Nebraska

*Rural residency status is determined by the Office of UNMC Recruitment and Student Engagement. Residents of Bellevue, Boys Town, Chalco, Elkhorn, LaVista, Lincoln, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Papillion, and Ralston are not considered rural and are ineligible for RHOP.

“Ever since I was little, I wanted to work in healthcare. Being in RHOP is an amazing jumpstart for my career. The second I stepped on campus, I knew this was my home.”

- Natalie Gasseling

Hemingford, Nebraska
Pre-Physician Assistant