

# ADVANCING PHARMACY

*Help us create an environment that attracts the best and brightest minds. Together, we can foster a space that enables and advances life-changing work.*



## UNM COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

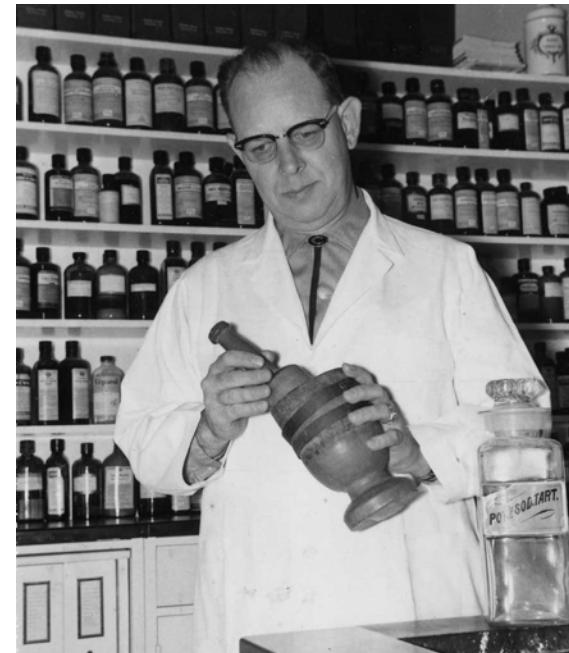
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## THE PAST: UNM'S FIRST HEALTH PROFESSION SCHOOL

The UNM College of Pharmacy, UNM's first health profession school, was born from the collective ambition and philanthropic support of pharmacists throughout New Mexico in 1945. At the time, the essence of pharmacy was rooted in compounding and other drug preparatory skills. Pharmacists during this era were the backbone of retail innovation, meeting the diverse healthcare and community needs within their towns. As the needs of New Mexico changed, so did the profession of pharmacy with support from the College. With legislation, research, and advocacy, pharmacy began to evolve.



## THE PRESENT: NEW MEXICO'S ONLY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

As the practice of pharmacy expanded, the College evolved in tandem, with a larger faculty necessitating a larger facility in 1975. Pharmacy moved from a product-centered profession to a patient-centered one. New Mexico led the country in creating independent prescriptive authorities including immunizations, tobacco cessation, naloxone, and tuberculin skin testing. NM was the first state in the country to approve an advanced practice pharmacist licensure with the Pharmacist Clinician. This evolution reflects the profession's as well as the College's commitment to meeting healthcare needs of New Mexico and preparing students for the health challenges of tomorrow.





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## THE FUTURE: ADVANCING PHARMACY

With pharmacy's role continually expanding to meet New Mexico's healthcare needs, we see an opportunity to shape its future through a comprehensive campaign, **Advancing Pharmacy**. This \$6M campaign is key to the continued growth of the profession of pharmacy and New Mexico's only College of Pharmacy. More than anything, this campaign endeavors to support our Lobo pharmacists and scientists during their training and throughout their professional careers with rich experiences, a state-of-the-art facility, and targeted programmatic support.



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## A COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN FOR PHARMACY

The College of Pharmacy aspires to be at the forefront of pharmacy education, patient care, research and as a champion of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Within this campaign, areas have been identified where philanthropic support can elevate and shape the future both in New Mexico and beyond.

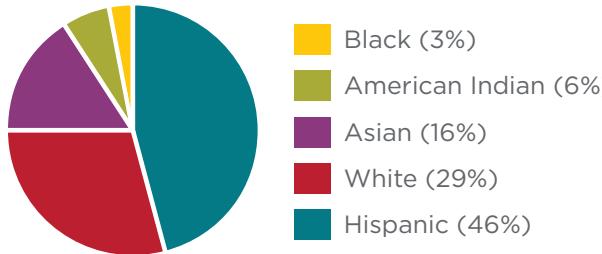
- **Renovate the College of Pharmacy Building.** We aspire to breathe new life into our existing infrastructure through a comprehensive renovation project.
- **Invest in student success** by boosting scholarships and professional development opportunities for pharmacy students—especially those faced with housing and food insecurity. On account of being graduate students, PharmD students are ineligible for the lottery and opportunity scholarships that benefit many other students. By recruiting and supporting top New Mexico students in pharmacy, we ensure future PharmD success and enrich healthcare provision in the state.
- **Foster excellence in education and research** by recruiting and retaining exceptional faculty. This investment allows faculty members to provide outstanding education to our students and trainees, explore new research avenues, and advance the practice of pharmacy, thereby enhancing patient care in the state of New Mexico.
- **Offset travel costs for students to pursue clinical rotations in the rural areas of New Mexico.** This initiative exposes students to addressing healthcare needs in underserved populations.
- **Strengthen Community Outreach** across New Mexico by providing funds for strategic and operational costs to provide healthcare services to disadvantaged New Mexicans.
- **Support health equity of rural and underserved communities** by supporting the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center. The poison center is staffed by pharmacists who provide 24-hour assistance with poisoning emergencies, drug information inquiries, and addiction. This service is free and confidential to all New Mexicans including health care providers.



## OUR COLLEGE

The University of New Mexico's College of Pharmacy works to develop pharmacists, educators and scientists in an inclusive environment whose leadership, dedication and innovation improves the health of our communities. We aim to advance health access, equity, and outcomes through our leadership in pharmacy practice, research, and education. We instill values of excellence, integrity, accountability, collaboration, continuous learning, diversity in people and thinking, and compassion into our students.

### Student Demographic Composition



**81%**

of practicing pharmacists in New Mexico are UNM College of Pharmacy Alumni

### Institutional Research Excellence



UNM is one of only 131 colleges or universities in the country, and the only one in New Mexico, classified as an "R1: Doctoral University – Very high research activity"—a recognition of distinction for those institutions with the highest level of research activity.

A recent objective peer-reviewed study ranked the UNM College of Pharmacy

**18th**  
among U.S. pharmacy schools.

Our research is highly regarded for its funding, ranking

**7th**  
in total NIH Grants.

## SERVING THE NEEDS OF NEW MEXICO

### Education and Training

As New Mexico's sole pharmacy school, UNM College of Pharmacy prepares future pharmacists for essential healthcare roles, focusing on optimizing patient care and medication safety.

### Research and Innovation

The College excels in pharmaceutical sciences, elucidating the causes of disease and developing new drugs and treatments that benefit New Mexico's diverse communities.

### Collaborative Healthcare

By collaborating with other healthcare professionals, our pharmacists integrate into interprofessional teams, enhancing patient care and reducing costs in our state.

### Public Health Challenges

Addressing New Mexico's specific health challenges, the College implements outreach and services in underserved areas to improve health equity and outcomes.

### Policy and Advocacy

The College influences pharmacy practice and health policy, advocating for better patient care, medication access, and health system reforms at all levels.



"Our values at the UNM College of Pharmacy are more than words on a page; they're the guiding principles that shape our character, driving us to be not just skilled professionals but compassionate healers."

### Heather Cabos

*Student Pharmacist,  
UNM PharmD Class of 2024*

# THE ROLE OF A PHARMACIST

Pharmacists play a vital role in healthcare systems and have a significant impact on patient outcomes, public health, and overall well-being. Pharmacists are essential healthcare providers who provide increased access to primary care, ensure the safe and effective use of medications, provide patient education and counseling, collaborate with other healthcare providers, contribute to public health initiatives, drive pharmaceutical research, and play a crucial role in community healthcare. Their expertise and contributions are integral to the delivery of high-quality, patient-centered care.

As the only College of Pharmacy in New Mexico, UNM is proud to train future pharmacists in one of the leading states in expanding scope of practice for pharmacists by broadening authority to provide advance clinical services. This includes administering immunizations, test to treat prescriptive authority for conditions such as flu and strep throat, managing chronic conditions with medications, conducting health screenings, and collaborating with other healthcare professionals in patient care. The expanded scope of practice allows pharmacists to play a more active and integral role in healthcare teams, contributing to increased demand for their services.



“The UNM College of Pharmacy plays an important role in the development of compassionate pharmacists who serve their communities. As healthcare changes over time, pharmacists continue to advocate for the patients’ safety and well-being, while providing the highest quality of care.”

**Lisa Bolden, MBA, RPh**  
*Director of Pharmacy, Lovelace Women's & Westside Hospitals*

# THE ROLE OF A PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENTIST

Pharmaceutical scientists are integral to healthcare. Their role spans drug discovery, development, and delivery. At the forefront, they seek novel therapeutic agents, using medicinal chemistry to design compounds targeting specific disease mechanisms. They meticulously synthesize and optimize molecules, balancing efficacy with safety. Pharmacological and toxicological assessments are conducted to guide clinical development. Pharmaceutical scientists run clinical trials, ensuring adherence to rigorous standards and liaising with regulators for drug approvals.

They bridge lab findings to clinical applications through translational research, developing innovative strategies for unmet medical needs. Their expertise in drug formulation and delivery optimizes efficacy, safety, and patient acceptability, which drives advancements. Post-marketing surveillance is crucial to monitor drug safety and effectiveness. Essentially, pharmaceutical scientists are stewards of medical progress, translating scientific discoveries into tangible benefits for patients and advancing healthcare frontiers.



“Our College of Pharmacy is at the leading edge of biomedical research in so many areas from drug development to safety and toxicology—and we are providing unmatched opportunities for our professional students to train as pharmaceutical scientists.”

**Matthew J. Campen, PhD, MSPH**  
*Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences Chair, Environmental Health Signature Program*



“I came to the College of Pharmacy in 1996 when our building was 21 years old, and it was big enough to accommodate all the faculty and students at our College. Flash forward to 2024, **the College has significantly expanded its mission and outgrown its home**. More than ever, this is the time for the College to move forward and your support for improved physical facilities and stronger support for our students and faculty will be the catalyst to that advancement”

**Donald A. Godwin, PhD**  
*Dean and Professor of Pharmacy*



## THE CIRCUMSTANCES DEMAND ACTION

Help us **Advance Pharmacy** with a new, state-of-the-art building and the student and faculty support needed to foster innovation and excellence in pharmacy education, research, and practice for the State of New Mexico.

To learn more about making an impact at the UNM College of Pharmacy through the UNM 2040 Campaign, contact:

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