

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES

The New College

The College of Human Resources and Family Sciences and Teachers College joined forces to create the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS) commencing on August 18, 2003. The proposal to create a new college was initiated by the 2 sitting deans at the time and eventually had the support of faculty, staff, students, and alumni within the two founding colleges. Units outside the college and college stakeholders were also supportive of the initiative.

Mission

The College of Education and Human Sciences is committed to improving the lives of individuals, families, schools and communities and to strengthening the relationships among them.

Unique Niche

CEHS is a one-of-a-kind college in Nebraska. No other institution of higher education in the state combines the fields of consumer science, teacher education, educational leadership and administration, educational psychology, individual and family development, nutrition and health, special education and communication disorders, as well as textiles, clothing and design into a single college dedicated to improving people's lives.

Structures

The College is comprised of seven departments: Educational Administration; Educational Psychology; Family & Consumer Sciences; Nutrition & Health Sciences; Special Education & Communication Disorders; Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education (formerly Curriculum and Instruction); and, Textiles, Clothing & Design. It is home to 2,500 undergraduate students, 1000 graduate students, 176 permanent faculty members and 90 permanent staff.

Teaching, Outreach and Research Programs in CEHS

CEHS offers 24 undergraduate programs/options, each administered by one of the seven departments. Graduate students have a choice among 8 departmentally based and one interdepartmental master's degree programs. Graduate faculty members have jointly developed proposals for the doctoral majors and specializations to be offered through CEHS. In addition, faculty in Nutrition & Health Sciences, in conjunction with faculty in Animal Science, Food Science & Technology, and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, will administer an intercollegiate M.S. and Ph. D. in Nutrition.

CEHS has an active extension program that impacts citizens in every Nebraska County.

Building on its strong roots in the state, many of these extension programs are well supported through competitive grants and contracts. Major extension programs in CEHS contribute to eight Cooperative Extension action plans:

- Building Strong Families
- Nutrition, Health and Food Safety
- 4-H and Youth Development
- Community Resource Development
- Community and Residential Environments

CEHS faculty and students are involved in a variety of research programs locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Currently, the new college has 18 million dollars in external funding.

Graduates

CEHS graduates work with people in and across a variety of settings including: homes, schools, health and clinical settings, community agencies and institutions, aesthetic environments, business, industry and government.

A View of the Future

CEHS intends to be a national leader in important work for our society. Instructional programs, research and outreach will reflect the values and unified content of the college. The college will be mission driven, holistic, and interdisciplinary. It will produce distinctive graduates who are skilled in inquiry, able to establish connectedness where they work as professionals, and experts in the teaching-learning-creating processes. It will produce scholarship that will bring new understandings to the work of strengthening families, schools, and communities.

Some emphases will remain the same as they have been. For example, the College of Education and Human Sciences continues to emphasize:

- The integrated nature of physical, psychosocial, intellectual and economic development in people's lives
- The importance of teaching and instruction, development and learning, creativity and inquiry
- High quality teacher preparation programs
- Clinical and laboratory work/science
- Preparing professionals for leadership roles in the field
- Making connections between theory and practice
- Research on teaching, learning, physical functioning, behavior, attitudes, values, culture and product development
- Community-partnerships
- High standards and accountability
- Meeting the needs of Nebraska citizens

As the new college forms, we will increase our emphasis on:

- Holistic approaches to enhancing the lives of people in families, schools and communities

Examining issues of education throughout the lifespan
Creating new solutions to the practical, perennial problems people face at home,
at school, in the workplace and in the community
Professional interactions across systems
Finding new ways for families, schools and communities to work together and
support one another.

CEHS Leadership

The dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences is Marjorie Kostelnik. She was previously the dean of the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences. Her background is in early childhood education and she comes to the role with a variety of experiences involving families, schools and communities. Associate deans are Jim Walter and Fayrene Hamouz. Dave Wilson serves as Graduate Studies Coordinator and Nancy Betts is the CEHS Research Liaison. Jim O'Hanlon stepped down as Teachers College Dean last summer, but remains on the CEHS faculty.

Locations

The College of Education and Human Resources spans three University of Nebraska campuses: City Campus, East Campus and Omaha and incorporates all the buildings and sites currently used by the two founding colleges.

You can reach the College of Education and Human Sciences by calling 402-472-2913. The address is 233 Mabel Lee Hall, UNL, Lincoln, NE 685

Transitions

The creation of the College of Education and Human Sciences is being coordinated by the CEHS Transition Team throughout 2003 and into 2004 as necessary. A variety of Task Force Groups are meeting to establish structures, policies, and procedures for the new college. Among these are groups focused on:

- Academic Governance
- Advising and Recruiting
- Business and Finance
- Graduate Education
- Launching Event for CEHS
- Mission/vision/strategic plan for CEHS
- National Campaign to Introduce CEHS to Nebraska/USA
- Research Policies
- Technology
- Tenure and Promotion Policies and Practices
- Undergraduate Education

Alumni Organization

Officers from the two former alumni board groups have joined forces to create a single alumni organization for the College of Education and Human Sciences. This group has

adopted a new mission statement and recently approved by-laws as well as new procedures for operating.

For more information about the new college visit the CEHS website at CEHS.unl.edu