

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA SYSTEM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

JOINT ACCREDITATION OF UNL AND UNMC

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Q: What is happening with accreditation at UNL and UNMC?

A: The University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL) and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) are pursuing a single institutional accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). This means both institutions would be accredited under one entity—called the **University of Nebraska**—while maintaining their distinct missions, leadership, and academic programs.

Q: Why is the University of Nebraska pursuing joint accreditation?

A: A single accreditation strengthens our academic and research standing, better aligns us with Big Ten and AAU institutions, and enhances collaboration between UNL and UNMC. Additionally, it streamlines processes such as financial aid and research reporting, positioning the University of Nebraska to be more competitive for funding opportunities.

Q: Is this a merger or restructuring of the two institutions?

A: No. This is an accreditation change, not an administrative restructuring. UNL and UNMC will retain their separate identities, leadership structures, and academic offerings. This process is about alignment for academic excellence, not consolidation.

Q: How will this impact students, faculty, and staff?

A: There will be no immediate changes to programs, faculty governance, or campus operations. Over time, joint accreditation may allow for expanded interdisciplinary research, new academic collaborations, and improved administrative efficiency.

Q: Will this change affect UNL or UNMC's existing accreditations?

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