UNLV SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

OVERVIEW

The UNLV School of Medicine was officially established on August 22, 2014 when the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Board of Regents approved funding for the medical school's start-up costs. The budget then went to the 2015 legislature for approval. On June 11, 2015, Gov. Brian Sandoval signed Senate Bill 514 into law that provided nearly $27 million for the medical school.

The UNLV School of Medicine is foundational to the growth of the Las Vegas Medical District and is considered its cornerstone. It is a full-scale, four-year allopathic medical school that will be an integral part of a vibrant, research-intensive public university. The medical school's mission is to improve access to high-quality health care in southern Nevada by increasing the number of physicians and trained specialists who are committed to serving the region. One of the primary goals of the UNLV School of Medicine is to provide diverse and medically underserved populations access to timely high-quality health care. The accompanying Academic Health Center will serve as the core infrastructure for the entire medical community and generate top-quality research that spans the basic and clinical sciences.

MILESTONES

- Achieved preliminary accreditation in October 2016 and is accepting its first class of students
- Charter class of 60 students starts July 2017
- Newly remodeled Shadow Lane campus provides 20,000 square feet and includes classrooms for microscopy and demonstrations, a virtual anatomy laboratory, a medical library, small group study rooms, a student lounge, a recreational gym and student locker space.
- Launch clinical practice (UNLV Medicine) July 2017
- Open first UNLV Medicine multispecialty clinic May 2019
- Inaugural class graduates in May 2021

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The UNLV School of Medicine is expected to have the following impacts by 2030, according to Tripp Umbach:

- Economic impact: $1.2 billion
- Employment impact: 8,000 jobs
- State General Fund revenues: $60 million
- ROI to State General Fund: $1.15 generated for every $1.00 of investment in UNLV School of Medicine

ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER

UNLV is creating southern Nevada's first regional Academic Health Center. An academic health center will establish a robust system of medical facilities and services, including but not limited to a medical school; one or more additional health profession schools and an affiliated teaching hospital. There are approximately 45 Academic Health Centers in the country. Thus, the establishment of an Academic Health Center is a huge advancement for the region.

UNLV ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER IS COMPRISED OF

- The UNLV School of Medicine and the university's health science schools including nursing, allied health, community health sciences and dentistry. All five schools eventually will locate to the Shadow Lane campus near UMC.
- An affiliation with UMC, which will serve as the primary teaching hospital, will further the development of innovative clinical programs expand the scope of residency programs and develop advanced clinical research programs.
- An integrated network of regional health care delivery institutions including private hospitals, private medical schools, a VA hospital, rehabilitation facilities, research institutes, nursing homes, and community health centers.