

The Health Education Initiative

Addressing Kansas' crucial physician shortage



The University of Kansas School of Medicine is the only medical school in Kansas and is a premier institution for training primary care and rural physicians. To meet the state's growing need for doctors, the school in 2011 opened a new campus in Salina and expanded its Wichita campus.

Despite these efforts, Kansas still doesn't have enough physicians.

A new Health Education Building

To continue the momentum created by expansions in Salina and Wichita and to train additional doctors for Kansas communities, KU has begun construction and is seeking additional support for a new Health Education Building on the Kansas City campus. This investment will:

- Enable KU to increase the number of medical students trained annually across all campuses by as many as 50 students
- Ensure students are trained in the technologically advanced environment required by the modern health care curriculum

The Health Education Building project is funded by \$25 million in state bonds, \$15 million from KU Medical Center and private gifts. Those gifts include \$25 million from the Hall Family Foundation and a lead gift from Dave and Marilyn Zamierowski for simulation equipment and facilities. KU continues fundraising for anticipated increases in expenses related to technology and equipment for the building.

What comes next?

KU also continues to seek support in expanding the School of Medicine–Wichita campus to ensure its long-term stability. That campus opened in 1971 to provide clinical training to medical students in their third and fourth years and in 2011 became a full, four-year campus.

As the only medical school in the state, KU is the only entity capable of addressing Kansas' crucial physician shortage. That's why advancing our Health Education Initiative to provide Kansas communities the physicians they desperately need is a high priority.

For details, visit doctors4KS.ku.edu.

40th

Kansas' national rank
in doctors per capita (2013)

90

Kansas counties designated by
KDHE as primary care health care
provider shortage areas (2014)

213

Doctors in Kansas per 100,000
people (2012)

28%

Percent of Kansas physicians over
the age of 60 years – higher than
the national average of 26.5% (2012)

211

Current number of medical student
slots across all three KU School of
Medicine campuses

82.3%

Percent of KU School of Medicine
in-state matriculants (AY 2012-13)
compared to the national average
of 67.7%

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