

HEALTH SCIENCES

STRATEGIC PLAN



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Driven to Discover®



Vision

Minnesota leads the nation as the healthiest state.

Mission

To foster a healthier Minnesota through education, accessible care, innovation, and partnerships.



Our Shared Goal

**Ensure that all Minnesotans
have access to exceptional healthcare.**

How We'll Achieve This Goal

1.

Expand access by reducing health workforce shortages statewide.

2.

Reduce health inequities by expanding partnerships to reach rural and other underserved communities.

3.

Improve healthcare quality close to home.

4.

Transform health outcomes through innovation in prevention, treatment, and care models.





Recognized Excellence

- School of Dentistry is ranked **16th***
- Medical School is ranked:
 - **1st** in Family Medicine*
 - **4th** in Surgery*
 - **7th** in Pediatrics*
 - **15th** for most graduates practicing in rural areas#
- School of Nursing is ranked:
 - **3rd** in Midwifery#
 - **8th** in Doctor of Nursing Practice#
 - **16th** in Bachelor of Science in Nursing#
- College of Pharmacy is ranked **6th**#
- School of Public Health is ranked:
 - **12th** overall#
 - **2nd** in Healthcare Administration#
- College of Veterinary Medicine is ranked **4th**^

*Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research | #U.S. News & World Report | ^Shanghai Global





Objective 1

Expand Access by Reducing Healthcare Workforce Shortages Statewide

Minnesota is facing a critical shortage of healthcare providers. The University plays a unique role in addressing that shortage.

We will increase the number of professionals we train.



Objective 2

Reduce Health Inequities by Expanding Partnerships to Reach Rural and Other Underserved Communities

Committed to serving the entire state of Minnesota, especially rural and other underserved communities.

We will enhance our partnerships with organizations and providers.



Objective 3

Improve Healthcare Quality

Close to Home

Everyone in Minnesota deserves access to the right high-quality care at the right time.

The University is uniquely positioned to improve the availability and quality of healthcare across the state.



Objective 4

Transform Health Outcomes Through Innovation in Prevention, Treatment, and Care Models

As Minnesota's research engine, the University continues to lead in healthcare innovation.

Why We Need to Invest Now

- There is a **shortage of health professionals**.
The impact is reduced access to high quality care and increased cost and other pressures on health systems.
- In Minnesota we also have **health care deserts**, resulting in poor outcomes and inequities in care.
- Ahead of us are additional **growing challenges**: the aging population, the effects of climate change, rise in the need for new care and workforce models, changing patient expectations, and new and expanded use of technology.



We need to act now to ensure that Minnesota remains the best state for health care in the nation.



Overcome A Growing Healthcare Crisis in Rural, Tribal, and Other Underserved Communities

Request: \$45 million recurring

1. Expand access to care and reduce staffing shortages

\$22 million a year to increase the state's workforce by nearly 3,000 health professionals over the next decade.

2. Train more students in rural, Tribal, and other underserved communities

\$5 million a year for expanded interprofessional education to best serve those populations across the state.

3. Triple the number of mobile health and telehealth services statewide

\$8 million a year to expand these programs by working with local providers, serving up to 6,000 more patients a year.

4. Expand connections with local care providers and support the rapid translation of health research into patient care

\$10 million a year so Minnesotans can live happier and healthier lives.

