Program Standards
To remain in the RHOP program and transition to UNMC, the following requirements apply:

- Maintain a standard of grades and GPA.
- All science courses must be taken at CSC.
- Keep a professional journal, job shadow health care providers and participate in professional development activities.
- Visit UNMC on regularly scheduled trips.

Alternates
Alternates may be chosen in the event that students with guaranteed positions do not successfully complete the requirements at CSC; however, while an RHOP candidate has alternate status they do not receive guaranteed admission or a tuition waiver.

For more information and application:
Visit our website:
csc.edu/sci/healthprofessions
Or contact us at:
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Chadron, NE 69337
Phone: (308) 432-6278
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The Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) is a cooperative program between Chadron State College and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The purpose of the program is to recruit and educate high school students from rural Nebraska who will return to practice in rural areas of the state. However, non-traditional students from rural Nebraska will be considered and are encouraged to apply. This program represents a commitment and dedication to the education of Nebraskans and quality health care for citizens of the state. For more information on the programs that consider non-traditional applications, please contact the Health Professions Office.

Benefits of the program
Each participant will:
• Receive a RHOP Tuition Waiver for a maximum of 16 hours of credit per semester for the years they attend Chadron State College.
• Receive guaranteed admission to UNMC upon satisfactory completion of all requirements within the prescribed deadline.

Options
CSC Options are:
- Dental Hygiene
- Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Dentistry
- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Radiography

Eligibility
• Be a rural Nebraska resident (Omaha and Lincoln areas are excluded).
• Have applied and been accepted to CSC.
• Demonstrate strong academic potential
• Apply to either CSC, WSC or PSC and for only one professional field.
• All materials must be received by the respective deadline for consideration for the following academic year.

Deadlines and Applications
The application deadline is November 15.

The application is a multi-step process which must be completed, without exception, by the deadline for consideration into the program. The following must be included in the application:
• The completed RHOP application, including personal essay, via the website
• A copy of the High School Transcript
• A copy of the ACT and/or SAT scores
• Three letters of recommendations

It is the applicant’s responsibility to verify a completed application prior to the deadline.

Selection Guidelines
We are looking for well-rounded students who are dedicated to the health professions and have demonstrated commitment to the rural areas of Nebraska, and who are willing to work hard and have demonstrated they have the intellectual ability to complete the rigorous academic programs in health professions at CSC and UNMC.

Numerous factors are a part of the selection process; however, special emphasis is placed on:
1. The academic potential of the student as demonstrated by:
   • Application
   • Interview
2. A commitment to return to the rural areas of Nebraska to practice their profession including:
   • Knowledge of the profession and RHOP program
   • Community service and leadership activities
3. Academic preparation: Students are strongly encouraged to have completed or plan to complete the following core courses (if possible) to demonstrate their academic preparation:
   • Three years of Math
   • Four years of English
   • One year each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Final Selections

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