

UNMC, College of Public Health
Applied Practice Experience (APEX) Opportunities

Partner organization name: Nebraska Cures

Partner organization website: <https://nebraskacures.com/>

Partner organization brief description:

Nebraska Cures promotes, supports and advocates for scientific research and education to advance our quality of life and our economy. In action, Nebraska Cures promotes cutting edge research, advocates for public policy rooted in science, and supports the growth and diversification of the science career pipeline. Nebraska Cures co-launched the Nebraska Women in STEM Initiative in 2022 with Bio Nebraska.

Public Health students may consider framing the Women in STEM Initiative as a special community (the workforce) through the lens of occupational health. A focus of an upcoming Nebraska Women in STEM conference will be featuring self and emotional/mental wellbeing in this workforce. Evidence of these challenges, among others, exist in this workforce as summarized in the [Listen Then Act Report](#).

Partner organization site contact name and email:

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Description of Needs—APEX activities:

- Develop an evaluation and needs assessment in collaboration with Nebraska Women in STEM leadership and carryout the assessment.
 - Nebraska Women in STEM did an evaluation survey of some participants last summer and wants to expand to the entire network and assess the ongoing needs of participants.
 - Additional information about these efforts can be found on the website in addition to the [Take Action Flyer](#) and information about the second [Nebraska Women in STEM conference](#).
- Explore mental health and behavioral health related public policy and provide recommendations to improve access and effectiveness of related services and initiatives.
 - Nebraska Cures co-leads a nonprofit mental health advocacy coalition.

Timeframe of proposed activities:

Activities would take place from May – July 2024.

Benefit of proposed activities to partner organization:

Activates will support the work of the organization by adding a level of evaluation and strategy to our organization that we don't otherwise have the capacity for.

Benefit of proposed activities to the student:

Since this is a one-person organization, the activities the student will work on will be meaningful and very hands on. Proposed activities have a high level of impact on the organization.

*Note—An affiliation agreement will be required prior to student collaboration

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Skill sets of students requested:

Activities will be tailored to the student's interest and skill set. Preference is to students who enjoy advocacy or evaluation and have strong writing skills.

Additional Information:

This opportunity will be remote. Meetings with the executive director will be held either virtually or at an agreed upon location.