

**UNMC, College of Public Health**  
**Applied Practice Experience (APEX) Opportunity**  
*Nebraska Family Planning*

**Partner organization name:** Nebraska Family Planning

**Partner organization website:** <https://nefamilyplanning.org/>

**Partner organization brief description:** Nebraska Family Planning bridges the advancement of health equity with high-quality sexual and reproductive health care through robust support, education, and advocacy. NEFP funds a statewide network of providers that ensures the delivery of affordable, equitable, high-quality sexual and reproductive health care and education across the state. We are aligned with a network of 11 non-profit health care agencies in Nebraska. This network of providers delivers care and education through 31 clinics from Scottsbluff to Omaha, Norfolk to North Platte.

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**Description of partner organization's priority opportunities (APEX activities):**

*Primary area of focus: Comprehensive Sex Education in Nebraska*

- **Survey Landscape of Sex Education in Nebraska:**
  - Gather data and insights on existing frameworks, local policies (particularly at the school district level) across the state, and current practices related to sex education in Nebraska. Data collection, analysis, and interpretation will be necessary to contribute to a deeper understanding of the current state of sex education and to identify areas for improvement, additional training, resources, and support. These findings will be organized in a report and shared with stakeholders across the organization and its network.
- **Curation of Sex Education Materials:**
  - Identify and gather quality, engaging, and medically-accurate sex education materials aimed at various audiences – students, educators, adults, community organizations, etc. Evaluate and organize diverse resources such as lesson plans, curriculum guides, online modules, webinars, and informational materials to share with our statewide network of educators.
- **Attend and Facilitate Community of Practice Meetings:**
  - Engage with NEFP's Community of Practice, which is a monthly gathering of outreach and education coordinators across the state. These meetings are an opportunity for educators to exchange knowledge, share experiences, and collaborate on innovative approaches to sex education. Support the design and facilitation of the Community of Practice meetings, informed by related research.

**Timeframe of proposed activities:** Summer Semester 2024

**Benefit of proposed activities to partner organization:** This work will assist NEFP in better understanding the statewide landscape of sex education so that we can better serve and support our network educators. The training and support offered to our network educators will lead to increased access to quality comprehensive sex education across the state.

**Benefit of proposed activities to the student:** These activities will offer the student an invaluable opportunity to apply their public health expertise in the assessment of sex education in Nebraska and making contributions to evidence-based practices and recommendations. Through research, data analysis, organizational collaboration, and stakeholder engagement, the student will enhance skills in health education and community assessment, while networking with organizations across the state of Nebraska.

**Skill sets of students requested:**

- Interest sexual and reproductive health and commitment to reproductive justice principals
- Evidence of ability to work independently to research and synthesize information
- Critical thinking skills to evaluate the relevance and credibility of various materials, policies, and practices
- Facilitation and meeting design skills
- Training in health promotion preferred

**Additional Information (*format of preferred engagement-virtual, hybrid, in-person; partner organization's location*):** Much of this work can be done remotely, via Teams or Zoom. However, there could be opportunities to engage in our central Omaha office, during working hours (M-F, 9am-5pm CT).