



## PROGRESS UPDATE

# UNLV School of Medicine: A Reality

The UNLV School of Medicine was officially established Aug. 22, 2014 when the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Board of Regents approved a two-year budget to cover start-up costs. The budget was submitted to Gov. Brian Sandoval and the Nevada Legislature.

In May 2015, the legislature approved nearly \$27 million for the UNLV School of Medicine for fiscal years 2016-17. The funds will cover the cost for hiring the school's academic and clinical faculty and administrative staff, curriculum development, consultants and operations – all essential items to keep the school on track to welcome students in August 2017.

## Economic Impact

The UNLV School of Medicine will have tremendous economic impact on southern Nevada when fully built out. Initial studies indicated, by 2030 the school is projected to:

- ❖ Create more than 5,300 jobs by 2025 and a total of 8,000 jobs by 2030<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ Generate annual economic impact of more than \$800 million by 2025 and \$1.2 billion by 2030<sup>2</sup>
- ❖ Expand the health services sector (Las Vegas has smallest share compared to any other top 100 U.S. Metro area)<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ Spur medical innovations that stimulate the state economy
- ❖ Generate \$40 million in annual government revenue for Nevada by 2025 and \$60 million by 2030<sup>4</sup>
- ❖ Leverage economies of scale and synergies for public undergraduate medical education and graduate medical education – or residencies

## 2015 Accomplishments

- ❖ Established a Community Advisory Board to provide guidance and direction. The 45-member board consists of leaders from the sectors of business, development, education, health care, gaming, and health care.
- ❖ Raised \$13.5 million in less than 60 days netting 135 four-year student scholarships – 60 for the school's charter class in 2017 – and 25 each for the next three consecutive classes.
- ❖ Received \$3 million in gifts to help fund faculty for specific departments and research.

- ❖ Developed an innovative curriculum using the best practices from medical schools across the county. Students will be immersed into the community as soon as they get on campus. During the first six weeks, students will receive emergency medical technician (EMT) certification then provide trauma care in Las Vegas' homes and streets. Our educational blueprint provides valuable hands-on experience so students can learn critical reasoning and problem-solving skills and the role public health plays in preventing disease and keeping a community healthy.
- ❖ Drafted our accreditation documents for submission to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the nationally recognized authority for medical school accreditation agency Dec. 1, 2015.
- ❖ Worked with consultants to help develop a viable and sustainable practice plan, one of the most important facets of a medical school.
- ❖ Selected architects to design our medical education building.
- ❖ Hired 15 outstanding faculty and administrative team members -- 60 more will be hired between now and 2017.
- ❖ Received approval from the NSHE Board of Regents for the schools' organization structure, establishing 24 teaching departments.
- ❖ Established physician, hospital, and community partners.
- ❖ Started publishing a weekly newsletter, Rounds, to keep community and state stakeholders current on the school's progress.

**For more information: [unlv.edu/medicine](http://unlv.edu/medicine)**

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## Our Vision: Innovation

UNLV is creating a world-class center for medical education, patient care, and research that prepares Nevada's physicians with the most innovative and technologically advanced forms of medical training while serving the health care needs of a diverse and urban population through community partnerships.

The UNLV School of Medicine will:

- ❖ Educate physicians and specialists to care for Nevadans health care needs.
- ❖ Build clinical, education and research programs in cardiology, neuroscience, mental health and addiction, cancer and orthopedics.
- ❖ Generate a local economic impact of more than \$1 billion annually and create 8,000 jobs by 2030.



<sup>1</sup>Tripp Umbach Report (2013)

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<sup>3</sup>Brookings Mountain West SRI Report (2011)

<sup>4</sup>Tripp Umbach Report (2013)