



# Overcome a growing healthcare crisis in rural, Tribal, and other underserved communities

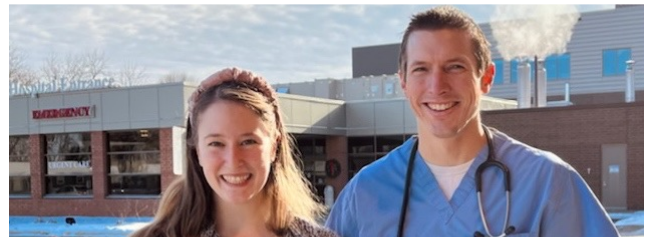
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Minnesota’s health needs are changing rapidly, shaped by an aging population, strained health systems, and widening gaps in access to vital services. The University of Minnesota – one of the nation’s most comprehensive in human and animal health and the state’s only public university health system – is poised to address needs outlined in the Governor’s Task Force on Academic Health at the University of Minnesota.

**Expand access to care and reduce staffing shortages** — increasing the state’s workforce by nearly 3,000 health professionals over the next decade. This includes nurses, doctors, public health practitioners, patient care specialists and research coordinators, pharmacists, oral health professionals, veterinarians, among others.



**Train more students in rural, Tribal, and other underserved communities** to best serve those populations across the state.



**Triple the number of mobile health and telehealth services** statewide by working with local providers, serving up to 6,000 more patients a year.



**Expand connections with local care providers** and support the rapid translation of health research into patient care so Minnesotans can live happier and healthier lives.



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