

## Distance Learning Grows in Cytotechnology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

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**Figure 1:** Rosa Lopez and Dr. Lydia Howell

The University of Nebraska Medical Center's (UNMC) Cytotechnology Program is the leader in distance education for cytotechnology. UNMC currently has three approved satellite sites (Carle Foundation Hospital, University of California Davis Medical Center, and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center).

The University of California Davis Medical Center (UCD) satellite site graduated their first cytotechnology student, Rosa Lopez (**Figure 1**) in collaboration with the University of Nebraska's College of Allied Health Professions. The didactic portion of the Program is provided by UNMC and the hands-on clinical training is provided at each satellite site. This is the first Cytotechnology Program in Northern California since the UCSF Cytotechnology



**Figure 2:** Joy Sasere (new UCD student), Dr. Lydia Howell, Stanley Seko, CT(ASCP) (UCD Education Coordinator), Lan Nguyen (new UCD student), and Rosa Lopez



**Figure 3:** 2014-2015 UNMC students Rafat Hamoh, Kevin McConnell, Ar-ixa Herrera, and Halal Al-hwail; Carle students Benjamin Zeller, Mary Kate Krouse and Sara Selle



Figure 4: Carle students Sara Selle, Mary Kate Krouse and Benjamin Zeller

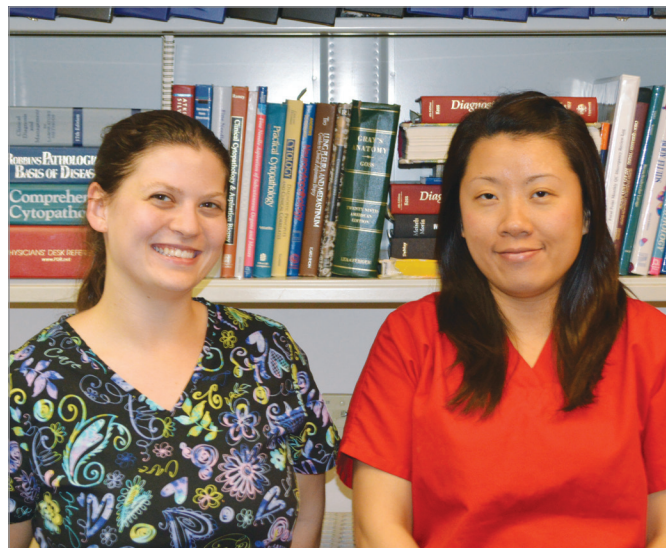


Figure 5: 2015-2016 Carle students Erin DeYoung and Lui (Sandy) Li



Figure 6: 2015-2016 UNMC students Haleigh Delavan, Jordan Hopkins, Sarah Hove, Ibrahim Saad, and Andrew John

School run by Dr. Eileen King (a former ASC President and Papanicolaou Award recipient who passed away in 2014) closed over 20 years ago. They also just welcomed their second class – expanded to 2 students! (Figure 2)

The Carle Foundation Hospital satellite site has been approved since 2003, with the first class entering in 2005, graduating in 2006. The graduating class of 2015 at Carle (UC Davis’ first year) had a class of three students who came to visit the UNMC campus to present their scientific posters. (Figures 3 and 4)

Since its inception, Carle has graduated 17 students and currently, two students are enrolled. (Figure 5)

UNMC currently has five students on campus who work together with the distant students on a daily basis. On-line, live connections make it easy for all students and faculty to interact and feel as one group of students.

The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center has not accepted any students at their site to date, but we are hopeful for next year.