

Public Information

The Planning Accreditation Board requires this information be posted for the Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).

Student Achievement

The Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is committed to delivering a high-quality education that equips students for successful careers in planning across government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private practice. Our program emphasizes academic excellence, practical community engagement, and impactful research, equipping students with the skills and knowledge necessary for professional success. The student achievements can be assessed using diverse metrics, including Quality of student work, demonstrated through applied projects, research, and professional engagement; Stakeholder feedback, reflecting the real-world impact of student contributions; Graduation rates, ensuring timely and successful program completion; Post-graduation employment outcomes, showcasing career placements in planning and related fields; and other related indicators.

Quality of work: Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) students are required to complete 48 credits, including 24 core course credits and 24 elective or graduation track credits. Throughout their studies, students engage in real-world planning projects, applying their skills to solve pressing challenges in Nebraska and beyond. These efforts align with both the University's land grant mission and the critical needs of communities.

During the 2023-2024 academic year, students collaborated with stakeholders to deliver high-quality planning solutions. Students of CRPL 840 Planning Methods and Analysis class (Fall 2023) successfully completed York County Economic Development and Housing Study. They provided data driven recommendations to address housing needs and support economic development. Findings have shaped York's Housing and Economic Development strategy. Students of CRPL 991 Capstone Studio (Spring 2024) conducted Flood Resilience project which targeted on southeast Nebraska counties, affected by 2019 flooding. Students delivered risk assessments, reviewed existing policies, and provided recommendations. Findings are being used to guide flood mitigation efforts. The CRPL 990 Planning Studio (Fall 2023) class developed Bennet Downtown Development plan. Students developed strategies for downtown revitalization, receiving positive feedback from community leaders and stakeholders. The high quality of student work has been recognized by clients, partners, and local media, highlighting the impact of their contributions to community planning and development.

Beyond coursework, students contributed to applied research in key areas such as Housing resilience planning, Wetland conservation planning, Rural community's health care accessibility, and Nebraska's transportation safety planning. Several students have contributed to journal publications or professional reports, with their research products utilized by federal, state, and local agencies. Their work has been presented at the Nebraska Planning Conference, the ACSP Annual Conference, and other state and national conferences. These accomplishments underscore the MCRP program's commitment to excellence and the significant contributions of its students to the field of planning.

Stakeholder feedback: Collaborative partners, including project stakeholders, part-time working projects, and internships, consistently express high levels of satisfaction with student contributions.

Table 1: Student achievement measured by stakeholder satisfaction

Student Project Name	Stakeholder Satisfaction (Scale:1-5, with 5 being the highest rating)
Flood Resilience Project (Southeast counties, NE)	5
Economic Development & Housing Study (York, NE)	5
Downtown Development Plan (Benet, NE)	5
Flood Mitigation Stakeholder Engagement (Fremont, NE)	5
Student Internship/part-time work (JEO Consulting Group, City of Lincoln)	5

This feedback highlights the practical impact and real-world applicability of student work, reinforcing their preparedness for professional practice.

Student graduation rate: Student graduation rate is an important indicator of student achievement. The program maintains strong graduation rate. The percentage of students graduating within 3 years, entering class of 2021 is 100%

Student employment: Graduates from the 2023-2024 academic year have successfully transitioned into careers in planning and related fields, securing positions in both the U.S. and internationally. These alumni hold diverse roles across multiple sectors, including local, regional, state, and federal government agencies; nonprofit organizations; urban planning and design consulting firms; engineering and construction firms; law firms; commercial businesses; and academic institutions. These career placements demonstrate the MCRP program's success in preparing graduates for professional roles that contribute meaningfully to communities and the broader planning field.

2024-2025 Tuition and Fees

In State Residents, per full-time academic year (UNL Resident Tuition)	\$12,813
Out of State Residents, per full-time academic year (UNL Non-resident Tuition)	\$33,741

Student Retention Rate

Percentage of students who began studies in fall 2023 and continued into fall 2024	44%
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Student Graduation Rate

Percentage of students graduating within 4 years, entering class of 2020	100%
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Number of Degrees Awarded

Number of degrees awarded for 2023-2024 Academic Year	11
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AICP Pass Rate

Percentage of master's graduates taking the AICP exam within 3 years who pass, graduating class of 2020	N/A
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Employment

Percentage of all graduates obtaining professional planning, planning-related, or other positions within 12 months of graduation, graduating class of 2023	100%
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