

UNITY CLINIC

Providing health care directly to communities in need

Increasing access to quality health care for the medically underserved

The Unity Clinic is a student-run and faculty-supervised clinical experience at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. It is not a physical location but rather a community health education program that focuses on providing comprehensive primary care to medically underserved populations in Oklahoma. We use the OU Health Sciences Explorer, a mobile outreach vehicle, to partner with various locations in the state and deliver health care services directly to communities in need.

Improving health outcomes by reimagining how health care providers are trained to work together

Our primary aim is to create a mutually beneficial experience for our students and the patients they serve. Our students gain valuable knowledge and skills in community primary care, while patients have the opportunity to receive care from multiple health care professionals during a single visit. Our teams include students from all OUHSC Colleges and the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work. We strive to ensure that all OUHSC graduates have had the chance to work with the Unity Clinic.

Award-winning student-led clinical experience

In 2023, the Unity Clinic was selected as a recipient of the George E. Thibault, M.D., Nexus Award by the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education. This national award celebrates exemplary interprofessional collaboration that redesigns both health care education and health care delivery to be better integrated and improve patient outcomes.

Together, we can create a healthier future for Oklahoma.



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*You can help us
make quality
health care
available to all
Oklahomans.*

We invite you to join us in improving the health of Oklahoma by supporting and expanding the Unity Clinic outreach and clinical services available throughout the state.

Supplies: Many of our patients come from underserved communities and often lack access to basic necessities like toothbrushes or personal hygiene items. We request your support by donating supplies that we can provide to our most vulnerable patients.

Health Kits: In our clinic, diabetes and hypertension are prevalent diagnoses, and patients often struggle to monitor their levels after receiving care from our teams. To address this, we offer health kits with essential items, such as glucometers, testing strips and blood pressure monitors, to individual patients. The Unity Clinic also offers “food as medicine” kits, which provide tools to promote healthy eating. The estimated cost of these kits are \$200 and \$250, respectively.

Outreach Site Visits: Through the OU Health Sciences Explorer, we extend tailored team-based care beyond the confines of a traditional clinic. Our visits encompass various services, including health education, assessments, screenings and access to resources. In some cases, overnight or two-day visits may be necessary. Resources are needed to fund the general and clinical operations that take place at community sites, including language barrier access support. The cost of a one-day site visit ranges from \$2,500 to \$5,500, depending on the location, and an overnight site visit is projected to cost \$7,500.

Build Capacity: While our focus is on providing comprehensive and team-based care, it does restrict the number of patients we can accommodate at each clinic location. To expand our reach and serve more patients, we invite you to consider supporting the establishment of additional clinic sites in Oklahoma. By doing so, we can enhance our capacity to make a greater impact on the community’s health. Stipends and scholarships are also needed to fund student leadership experiences in health promotion and community engagement, increasing the number of students involved in providing medical care through the Unity Clinic.



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