

**CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-KEARNEY and
ASSISTANT VP FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA**

Position Profile

The University of Nebraska-Kearney seeks a leader with the vision and leadership qualities to articulate and implement outstanding technology services for faculty, staff, and students. The successful candidate will be a thought-leader with extensive higher education experience and demonstrated collaboration skills. The successful candidate will have the ability to provide stakeholders with innovative and efficient IT solutions to meet their institutional goals.

Reporting to the University of Nebraska Vice President, Information Technology Services (ITS), with a dotted line report to the Senior Vice Chancellor Academic and Student Affairs for the University of Nebraska–Kearney (UNK), the successful candidate for this position will be exceptional in translating information system initiatives clearly in interactions with faculty, staff, and students. Working closely with both academic and administrative stakeholders at UNK, the person in this position will assess the strengths, gaps, and needs for technology services on campus to drive continual improvements.

This position will serve on the Chancellor’s Administrative Council and directly lead the ITS academic technologies group and Web application development teams at UNK. The CIO will also hold the title of ITS Assistant Vice President (AVP) and will be a member of that organization’s senior leadership team. ITS is a consolidated organization of over 300 professional staff members responsible for IT services at three campuses and Central Administration with an annual operating budget of over \$50 million.

Specifically, the CIO and AVP will:

- Work closely with members of the Chancellor’s Executive Leadership Team and additional UNK key stakeholders on strategic technology initiatives for UNK. These duties will include overseeing ongoing technology services support for the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and the Vice Chancellor for Business & Finance.
- Work closely with academic leaders on campus including, leaders within the Office of Academic Affairs, the Deans, Student Government, and Faculty Senate.
- Work with the ITS leaders of the scaled services divisions for Infrastructure, Client Services, Security, and Enterprise Services to ensure that UNK receives outstanding technology services. This includes building a responsive and best-in-class customer service organization that achieves a high degree of customer satisfaction for our faculty, staff, and students.

- Ensure that systems and data at UNK are secure through working with the Chief Information Security Officer and the additional members of the ITS security organization.
- Partner with university leaders to further support diversity, equity, and inclusion within the ITS organization.
- Collaborate with the Director of the Holland Computing Center to be supportive of campus research services.
- Facilitate change within a complex environment (internal and external) and effectively establish and lead towards a shared vision and collaborative model in working with the distributed IT leaders at each college.
- Work within the ITS organization to continue the development of a system-wide IT culture that identifies best practices, builds collaboration, and leads technology-related change effectively.
- Oversee the effective and appropriate use of student technology fees in collaboration with the Office of Academic Affairs and in consultation with student leaders.
- Represent UNK through active participation in the Higher Education IT leadership community including EDUCAUSE and other partnerships and associations.

ATTRIBUTES AND QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will have the interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills to navigate a complex university. This individual will bring experience with and expertise in the range of established and emerging IT systems and services relevant to a top-tier university system that excels in the three missions of teaching, research, and outreach. The successful candidate will be someone with exceptional communications and interpersonal skills who is highly skilled in building partnerships that support institutional priorities.

In addition to these essential attributes and qualifications, the successful candidate will possess ten or more years of experience in higher education information technology management, including experience in working with faculty on the innovative application of academic technologies as well as having experience with team development, program and project planning, and budgeting.

A Bachelor's degree is required, and an advanced degree is preferred within information technology or another relevant field.