

RESIDENCE LIFE

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The Office of Residence Life supports UNK's mission by connecting students on campus to inclusive environments where they have the support to learn and develop into leaders. "Our vision is to be the best housing option in town for our students." To develop this mission, we did a deep dive to understand our passions, strengths, economic engine, and core values which include the following:

1. Create spaces where students feel a sense of belonging!
2. Adapt to changing student needs.
3. Develop opportunities for students to connect.
4. Support students in their goals to enhance their college experience.
5. Allow students opportunities to grow into leaders.
6. Establish experiences to enhance student development.

The Residence Life staff works with students to find pride in their community and encourage students to be fully engaged in their learning by engaging with the Be The Difference Curriculum. Residence Life offers a wide range of services to support the academic pursuits of students that live in the halls. We want students to be engaged in their campus community and to become mindful residents of Nebraska.

The Be The Difference Curriculum is based on the following learning narratives established to assist each student to attain higher levels of success as they work their way toward graduation:

1. **Personal Growth:** Students will have an understanding of their strengths and growth opportunities. They will be able to learn strategies to overcome challenges. They will adopt a growth mindset toward adversity that will encourage and deepen their sense of self. They will understand how their actions affect others and will make choices that strengthen relationships and community.
2. **Professional Growth:** Students will be able to strategically communicate on a variety of platforms that contribute in a positive way toward community. They will be able to see conflict as an opportunity for growth that leads to learning. Students will become life-long learners by identifying learning strategies that work for them and anticipating applications to future challenges. They will be able to adapt to various professional environments and find ways to thrive personally and contribute meaningfully to those cultures.
3. **Community Engagement:** Students will be able to build healthy relationships. They will better understand cultural competence that allows them to communicate effectively across differences. They will recognize leadership as a process rather than a position and be able to provide leadership in various ways to better their local, national, and international communities.

The primary contact for students that live in the residence halls is their Resident Assistant or RA. Each resident has an RA that lives in their community. The RA is responsible for providing educational strategies to assist students in meeting our learning goals, maintaining a safe community, and assisting residents through their experience at UNK. RAs report to a professional staff member that lives in the community and is also available to assist residents during their time with us. If residents need any assistance, they should not hesitate to seek out any member

of the Residence Life team or stop by the main office, which is located in Warner Hall Suite 2200.

The housing application for each term and additional resources to submit requests throughout the year such as room changes, meal plan changes, etc., can be accessed by logging in to: *MyBLUE* > *Tools* > *Campus Housing*. Residence Life works cooperatively with the Facilities department to keep the halls clean and well maintained with residents encouraged to submit maintenance requests through the 'Fix Something in My Room' tab on our main webpage. Residence Life information, residence hall details, virtual tours, and policies may be found at www.unk.edu/housing/ (<http://www.unk.edu/housing/>).