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# Pharmacy College Move May Take Three Years

Omaha (AP) —The man who is responsible for moving the University of Nebraska's pharmacy college from Lincoln to Omaha thinks the job can be done in three years.

Dr. Albert R. Haskell joined the Medical Center as dean after holding posts from professor in pharmacy to acting

vice chancellor at the University of Tennessee. He is a native of Maine.

He said the college's 55 seniors will join the Medical Center's study body here in October. When other students make the switch will depend in part on finding space on the campus, he said.

"Chances are that we may be going to a two-three program," Dr. Haskell explained.

That means students would take two years of general college work and then enter the College of Pharmacy, where they would spend three years, essentially all in professional education.

Presently students take one year of college before entering the four-year pharmacy program. Part of the present four-year program, however, is made up of courses which could be taken in a general university curriculum, he explained.

Pharmacy courses at the Medical Center will not be "all that different," he said, but the setting will be different and that's important. The setting will be primarily the medical center, plus other

hospitals, doctors' offices, pharmacies and so on.

For instance, he said, seniors will make patient rounds with doctors and medical students. The pharmacy students will be quizzed on drug selection and toxicity, just as medical students are.

He has a goal of educating pharmacists who think of the individuals they serve as patients for whom they have a distinct responsibility, as "needful humans rather than customers."

He believes this goal should have two results — first to improve the status of the profession itself; second improvement in the health of the public.

"It would be flat wrong to say we are doing the best we can in drug therapy," said Dr. Haskell, who for seven years was research director for Marion Laboratories in Kansas City.

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