

**TABLE 1-115**  
**STATEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL MISSION**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS**  
December 1992

"The University of Kansas is a major comprehensive research and teaching university that serves as a center for learning, scholarship, and creative endeavor. The University of Kansas is the only Kansas Regents university to hold membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU), a select group of fifty-eight (now sixty-two) public and private research universities that represent excellence in graduate and professional education and the highest achievements in research internationally.

**Lawrence Campus**

**"Instruction.** The University is committed to offering the highest quality undergraduate, professional, and graduate programs comparable to the best obtainable anywhere in the nation. As the AAU research university of the state, the University of Kansas offers a broad array of advanced graduate study programs and fulfills its mission through faculty, academic and research programs of international distinction, and outstanding libraries, teaching museums and information technology. These resources enrich the undergraduate experience and are essential for graduate level education and for research.

**"Research.** The University attains high levels of research productivity and recognizes that faculty are part of a network of scholars and academicians that shape a discipline as well as teach it. Research and teaching, as practiced at the University of Kansas, are mutually reinforcing with scholarly inquiry underlying and informing the educational experience at undergraduate, professional and graduate levels.

**"Service.** The University first serves Kansas, then the nation, and the world through research, teaching, and the preservation and dissemination of knowledge. The University provides service to the State of Kansas through its state and federally-funded research centers. KU's academic programs, arts facilities, and public programs provide cultural enrichment opportunities for the larger community. Educational, research and service programs are offered throughout the state including the main campus in Lawrence, the KU health-related degree programs and services in Kansas City and Wichita, as well as the Regents Center and other sites in the Kansas City metropolitan area, Topeka, and Parsons.

**"International Dimension.** The University is dedicated to preparing its students for lives of learning and for the challenges educated citizens will encounter in an increasingly complex and diverse global community. Over 100 programs of international study and cooperative research are available for KU students and faculty at sites throughout the world. The University offers teaching and research that draw upon and contribute to the most advanced developments throughout the United States and the rest of the world. At the same time, KU's extensive international ties support economic development in Kansas.

**"Values.** The University is committed to excellence. It fosters a multicultural environment in which the dignity and rights of the individual are respected. Intellectual diversity, integrity, and disciplined inquiry in the search for knowledge are of paramount importance.

Lawrence approved by the Kansas Board of Regents December 1992.

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**TABLE 1-115 (concluded)**  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
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**University of Kansas Medical Center**

The University of Kansas Medical Center is an integral and unique component of the University of Kansas and the Kansas Board of Regents system. It is composed of:

- School of Medicine -- Kansas City, Wichita and Salina campuses
- School of Nursing
- School of Allied Health

The KU Medical Center trains professionals to meet a wide range of health needs in Kansas – from the critical need for primary care and prevention to the urgent need for highly innovative and specialized clinical care. Further, the Medical Center produces medical scientists who are essential for basic and translational research, supplying the state’s bioscience and biotech workforce and creating economic development. The KU Medical Center serves people throughout the state of Kansas and the region, in rural as well as urban areas. The programs of the KU Medical Center are comprehensive and maintain the high scholarship and academic excellence upon which the University’s reputation is based. The KU Medical Center’s mission is to create an environment for:

**Education.** The KU Medical Center educates health care professionals to primarily serve the needs of Kansas as well as the region and the nation. The Medical Center offers high-quality educational experiences to a diverse student population through a full range of undergraduate, graduate, professional, postdoctoral and continuing education programs.

**Research.** The KU Medical Center strives to advance the health sciences through internationally recognized research programs in strong basic, clinical, and translational sciences, as well as drug discovery, health services research and public health.

**Patient Care.** The KU Medical Center provides exceptional patient care with a focus on quality care and outcomes through hands-on student training, residency programs, affiliations with hospitals and clinics throughout the state, Telemedicine and Telehealth consultations, and student- and faculty-operated clinics to care for the underserved and uninsured.

**Service.** The KU Medical Center serves the citizens of Kansas, the region and the nation by developing, implementing and promoting model health care programs, and through numerous charitable, philanthropic and mission-oriented endeavors.