

CHAPTER 263

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

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SUBCHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

263.1 Objects — departments.

The university of Iowa shall never be under the control of any religious denomination. Its object shall be to provide the best and most efficient means of imparting to men and women, upon equal terms, a liberal education and thorough knowledge of the different branches of literature and the arts and sciences, with their varied applications. It shall include colleges of liberal arts, law, medicine, and such other colleges and departments, with such courses of instruction and elective studies as the state board of regents may determine from time to time. If a practitioner preparation program as defined in [section 256.145](#) is established by the board, it shall include the subject of physical education. Instruction in the liberal arts college shall begin, so far as practicable, at the points where the same is completed in high schools.

[C51, §1020; R60, §1927, 1930, 1933; C73, §1585, 1586, 1589; C97, §2640; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, **§3946**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §263.1]

[2011 Acts, ch 34, §70](#)

263.2 Degrees — reports.

1. A person shall not be admitted to courses of instruction in the university if the person has not completed the elementary instruction in such branches as are taught in the public or accredited nonpublic schools throughout the state.

2. Graduates of the university shall receive degrees or diplomas, or other evidences of distinction such as are usually conferred and granted by universities and are authorized by the state board of regents.

3. The university of Iowa, in collaboration with the university hospitals and clinics, shall submit an annual report to the general assembly providing the following information:

a. The states in which members of each graduating class from the college of dentistry and the college of medicine's doctor of medicine program reside during the year immediately following graduation. The information shall be divided by residents of Iowa at the time of application to the college and nonresidents at the time of application to the college.

b. The states in which the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics primary care and specialty residents reside in the year following completion of medical residency and whether following residency such residents accepted fellowships. The information shall be divided by primary care and various areas of specialty, and whether the medical residents were residents of Iowa prior to applying for admission at an undergraduate college or university, received a baccalaureate degree from a postsecondary institution in Iowa, or graduated from a medical school in Iowa, whether or not the medical residents were residents of Iowa at the time of acceptance into the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics' residency programs and, if any residents of Iowa accepted fellowships following residency, the states in which the fellowships are offered and the areas of specialty under the fellowships.

c. For purposes of [this subsection](#), "resident of Iowa" means the same as defined in [section 262.9, subsection 39](#).

[R60, §1933; C73, §1585, 1589; C97, §2640; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3947; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §263.2]

[2018 Acts, ch 1026, §83](#); [2025 Acts, ch 164, §2](#)

Section amended

263.3 Cabinet of natural history.

For the purpose of supplying a cabinet of natural history, all geological and mineralogical specimens which are collected by the state geologists, or by others appointed by the state to investigate its natural history and physical resources, shall belong to and be the property of the university, under the charge of the professors of those departments.

[R60, §1931, 1935; C73, §1597, 1598; C97, §2639; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3948; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §263.3]

263.4 and 263.5 Repealed by 2017 Acts, ch 172, §43.

263.6 Residency and fellowship positions — priority for certain candidates — rural rotations.

The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics shall give priority in awarding federal residency positions as established under the federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. No. 105-33, and fellowships to applicants who are residents of Iowa, attended and earned an undergraduate degree from an Iowa college or university, or attended and earned a medical degree from a medical school in Iowa. The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics shall also provide the opportunity to participate in a rural rotation to persons to whom a primary care residency or fellowship position, including such positions in psychiatry, is awarded in order to expose the resident or fellow to rural areas of the state.

[2025 Acts, ch 164, §3](#)

For university of Iowa hospitals and clinics medical residency interview offer requirements for certain applicants and required annual report, see [2025 Acts, ch 164, §4](#)

NEW section

263.7 State hygienic laboratory — investigations.

The state hygienic laboratory shall be a permanent part of the state university of Iowa. It shall make or cause to be made microbiological and chemical examinations and other necessary investigations by both laboratory and field work in the determination of the causes of disease, shall suggest methods of overcoming and preventing the recurrence of the disease, and shall evaluate environmental effects and scientific needs, whenever requested to do so by any state agency, state institution, or local board of health when the investigation

or evaluation is necessary in the interest of environmental quality and public health and for the purpose of preventing epidemics of disease.

[S13, §2575-a8; SS15, §2575-a7; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3953; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §263.7]

263.8 Reports — tests.

1. Charges may be assessed for transportation of specimens and cost of examination. Reports of epidemiological examinations and investigations shall be sent to the responsible agency.

2. In addition to its regular work, the state hygienic laboratory shall perform without charge all bacteriological, serological, and epidemiological examinations and investigations which may be required by the department of health and human services and the department shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) for the examinations and investigations. The laboratory shall also provide, those laboratory, scientific field measurement, and environmental quality services which, by contract, are requested by the other agencies of government.

3. The state hygienic laboratory is authorized to perform such other laboratory determinations as may be requested by any state institution, citizen, school, municipality, or local board of health, and the laboratory is authorized to charge fees covering transportation of samples and the costs of examinations performed upon their request.

[S13, §2575-e8; SS15, §2575-a7,-a9; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3953; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §263.8]

[2015 Acts, ch 30, §95; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §1022](#)

Duties of department of health and human services, §135.11

Section not amended; editorial change applied

263.8A International center for talented and gifted education — Iowa online advanced placement academy science, technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative.

1. *a.* The state board of regents shall establish and maintain at Iowa City as an integral part of the state university of Iowa the international center for talented and gifted education. The international center shall provide programs to assist classroom teachers to teach gifted and talented students in regular classrooms, provide programs to enhance the learning experiences of gifted and talented students, serve as a center for national and international symposiums and policy forums for enhancing the teaching of gifted and talented students, and undertake other appropriate activities to enhance the programs of the center, including, but not limited to, coordinating and working with the world council for gifted and talented children, incorporated.

b. An international center endowment fund is established at the state university of Iowa and gifts and grants to the international center and investment earnings and returns on the endowment fund shall be deposited in the fund and may be expended by the state university of Iowa for the purposes for which the international center was established.

2. The Iowa online advanced placement academy science, technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative is established within the international center for talented and gifted education at the state university of Iowa to deliver, with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics coursework, preadvanced placement and advanced placement courses to high school students throughout the state, provide training opportunities for teachers to learn how to teach advanced placement courses in Iowa's high schools, and provide preparation for middle school students to ensure success in high school.

[88 Acts, ch 1284, §44; 96 Acts, ch 1184, §3; 2011 Acts, ch 132, §17, 106](#)

Referred to in §257B.1B

263.8B Interest earnings.

If the interest earned on moneys accumulated by campus organizations at the university of Iowa is not available for expenditure by those respective campus organizations, the university of Iowa shall allocate that interest to campus improvements that are of benefit to students

and have been accepted by the student government or to the student financial aid office to be used for the work-study program.

[89 Acts, ch 319, §67](#)

263.8C Advanced placement summer program.

An advanced placement summer program is established at the state university of Iowa for purposes of training advanced placement instructors at the secondary level and of providing intensive course work for secondary students. The state university of Iowa shall be responsible for the development of appropriate curricula, course offerings, provision of qualified instructors, and the selection of participants for the program. If funds are appropriated for the program, those funds shall be used to pay for the cost of providing instructors, counselors, room and board for students and teachers attending the program, materials, and for the cost of the development of a summer advanced placement exam. If funds are appropriated and those funds are not sufficient to meet program participation demands, the university shall give priority to the needs of students or teachers from schools which do not have advanced placement programs.

[91 Acts, ch 115, §1](#)

SUBCHAPTER II

CENTER FOR DISABILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT

263.9 Establishment and objectives.

The state board of regents is hereby authorized to establish and maintain in reasonable proximity to Iowa City and in conjunction with the state university of Iowa and the university hospitals and clinics, a center for disabilities and development having as its objects the education and treatment of children with severe disabilities. The center shall be conducted in conjunction with the activities of the university of Iowa children's hospital. Insofar as is practicable, the facilities of the university children's hospital shall be utilized.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §263.9]

[96 Acts, ch 1129, §72; 2001 Acts, ch 181, §17; 2002 Acts, ch 1050, §28](#)

263.10 Persons admitted.

Every resident of the state who is not more than twenty-one years of age, who has such severe disabilities as to be unable to acquire an education in the public or accredited nonpublic schools, and every such person who is twenty-one and under thirty-five years of age who has the consent of the state board of regents, shall be entitled to receive an education, care, and training in the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics center for disabilities and development, and nonresidents similarly situated may be entitled to an education and care at the center upon such terms as may be fixed by the state board of regents. The fee for nonresidents shall be not less than the average expense of resident pupils and shall be paid in advance. Residents and persons under the care and control of the department of health and human services who have severe disabilities may be transferred to the center upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the state board of regents and the director of health and human services.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §263.10]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 96 Acts, ch 1129, §73; 2001 Acts, ch 181, §18; 2002 Acts, ch 1050, §29; 2018 Acts, ch 1026, §84; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §1023](#)

263.11 Definition.

The term “severe disabilities” shall be interpreted for the purpose of [this subchapter](#) as referring to persons who meet both of the following requirements:

1. Persons who are educable but have severe physical and educational disabilities as a result of cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, arthritis, poliomyelitis, or other severe physically disabling conditions.

2. Persons who are not eligible for admission to the schools already established for persons with an intellectual disability or epilepsy or persons who are deaf or hard of hearing or blind.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §263.11]

84 Acts, ch 1219, §12; 96 Acts, ch 1129, §74; 2012 Acts, ch 1019, §112; 2014 Acts, ch 1026, §143; 2020 Acts, ch 1102, §15

263.12 Payment by counties.

The provisions of [sections 256.99](#) and [256.100](#) are applicable to the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics' center for disabilities and development.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §263.12]

2001 Acts, ch 181, §19; 2020 Acts, ch 1045, §15

Referred to in [§331.424](#)

263.13 Gifts accepted.

The state board of regents is authorized to accept, for the benefit of the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics' center for disabilities and development, gifts, devises, or bequests of property, real or personal, including grants from the federal government. The state board of regents may exercise such powers with reference to the management, sale, disposition, investment, or control of property so given, devised, or bequeathed as may be deemed essential to its preservation and the purposes for which made. No contribution or grant shall be received or accepted if any condition is attached as to its use or administration other than it be used for aid to the center as provided in [this subchapter](#).

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §263.13]

2001 Acts, ch 181, §20; 2002 Acts, ch 1050, §30; 2014 Acts, ch 1026, §143

263.14 through 263.16 Reserved.

SUBCHAPTER III

CENTER FOR HEALTH EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION

263.17 Center for health effects of environmental contamination.

1. The state board of regents shall establish and maintain at Iowa City as an integral part of the state university of Iowa the center for health effects of environmental contamination, having as its object the determination of the levels of environmental contamination which can be specifically associated with human health effects.

2. *a.* The center shall be a cooperative effort of representatives of the following organizations:

- (1) The state university of Iowa department of occupational and environmental health.
- (2) The department of pediatrics of the university of Iowa college of medicine.
- (3) The state hygienic laboratory.
- (4) The institute of rural and environmental health.
- (5) The university of Iowa Holden comprehensive cancer center.
- (6) The department of civil and environmental engineering.
- (7) Appropriate clinical and basic science departments.
- (8) The college of law.
- (9) The college of liberal arts and sciences.
- (10) The department of health and human services.
- (11) The department of natural resources.
- (12) The department of agriculture and land stewardship.

b. The active participation of the national cancer institute, the agency for toxic substances and disease registry, the national centers for disease control and prevention, the United States environmental protection agency, and the United States geological survey, shall also be sought and encouraged.

3. The center may:

a. Assemble all pertinent laboratory data on the presence and concentration of contaminants in soil, air, water, and food, and develop a data retrieval system to allow the findings to be easily accessed by exposed populations.

b. Make use of data from the existing cancer and birth defect statewide recording systems and develop similar recording systems for specific organ diseases which are suspected to be caused by exposure to environmental toxins.

c. Develop registries of persons known to be exposed to environmental hazards so that the health status of these persons may be examined over time.

d. Develop highly sensitive biomedical assays which may be used in exposed persons to determine early evidence of adverse health effects.

e. Perform epidemiologic studies to relate occurrence of a disease to contaminant exposure and to ensure that other factors known to cause the disease in question can be ruled out.

f. Foster relationships and ensure the exchange of information with other teaching institutions or laboratories in the state which are concerned with the many forms of environmental contamination.

g. Implement programs of professional education and training of medical students, physicians, nurses, scientists, and technicians in the causes and prevention of environmentally induced disease.

h. Implement public education programs to inform persons of research results and the significance of the studies.

i. Respond as requested to any branch of government for consultation in the drafting of laws and regulations to reduce contamination of the environment.

4. An advisory committee consisting of one representative of each of the organizations enumerated in [subsection 2](#), paragraph “a”, is established. The advisory committee shall employ, as a state employee, a full-time director to operate the center. The director shall coordinate the efforts of the heads of each of the major divisions of laboratory analysis, epidemiology and biostatistics, biomedical assays, and exposure modeling and shall also coordinate the efforts of professional and support staff in the operation of the center.

5. The center shall maintain the confidentiality of any information obtained from existing registries and from participants in research programs. Specific research projects involving human subjects shall be approved by the state university of Iowa institutional review board.

6. The center may solicit, accept, and administer moneys appropriated to the center by a public or private agency.

7. The center shall cooperate with the department of health and human services pursuant to [section 135.107](#), the center for agricultural safety and health established under [section 262.78](#), and the department of agriculture and land stewardship. The agencies shall coordinate programs to the extent practicable.

[87 Acts, ch 225, §228; 88 Acts, ch 1169, §3; 90 Acts, ch 1207, §4; 2000 Acts, ch 1058, §31; 2001 Acts, ch 74, §19; 2018 Acts, ch 1041, §71; 2020 Acts, ch 1045, §16; 2022 Acts, ch 1032, §50; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §1024, 1025](#)

Referred to in [§135.107, 262.78](#)

SUBCHAPTER IV

HOSPITALS AND CLINICS — PATIENT CARE

263.18 Treatment of patients — use of earnings for new facilities.

1. The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics authorities may at their discretion receive patients into the hospital for medical, obstetrical, or surgical treatment or hospital care. The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics ambulances and ambulance personnel may be used for the transportation of such patients at a reasonable charge if specialized equipment is required.

2. The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics authorities shall collect from the person or persons liable for support of such patients reasonable charges for hospital care and service

and deposit payment of the charges with the treasurer of the university for the use and benefit of the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics.

3. Earnings of the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics shall be administered so as to increase, to the greatest extent possible, the services available for patients, including acquisition, construction, reconstruction, completion, equipment, improvement, repair, and remodeling of medical buildings and facilities, additions to medical buildings and facilities, and the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued to finance the cost of medical buildings and facilities as authorized by the provisions of [chapter 263A](#).

4. The physicians and surgeons on the staff of the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics who care for patients provided for in [this section](#) may charge for the medical services provided under such rules, regulations, and plans approved by the state board of regents.

[2005 Acts, ch 167, §47, 66; 2010 Acts, ch 1134, §2; 2013 Acts, ch 138, §125, 127](#)

263.19 Purchases.

Any purchase of materials, appliances, instruments, or supplies by the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics shall be made pursuant to open competitive quotations, and all contracts for such purchases shall be in compliance with purchasing policies of the state board of regents.

[2005 Acts, ch 167, §48, 66; 2012 Acts, ch 1138, §119](#)

263.20 Collecting and settling claims for care.

Whenever a patient or person legally liable for the patient's care at the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics has insurance, an estate, a right of action against others, or other assets, the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics, through the facilities of the office of the attorney general, may file claims, institute or defend suit in court, and use other legal means available to collect accounts incurred for the care of the patient, and may compromise, settle, or release such actions under the rules and procedures prescribed by the president of the university and the office of the attorney general. If a county has paid any part of such patient's care, a pro rata amount collected, after deduction for cost of collection, shall be remitted to the county and the balance shall be credited to the hospital fund.

[2005 Acts, ch 167, §49, 66](#)

263.21 Transfer of patients from state institutions.

The director of health and human services, in respect to institutions under the director's control, and the director of the department of corrections, in respect to the institutions under the department's control, may send any inmate, student, or patient of an institution, or any person committed or applying for admission to an institution, to the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics for treatment and care. The department of health and human services and the department of corrections shall respectively pay the traveling expenses of such patient, and when necessary the traveling expenses of an attendant for the patient, out of funds appropriated for the use of the institution from which the patient is sent.

[2005 Acts, ch 167, §50, 66; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §1026, 2499](#)

Referred to in [§263.23](#)

Transfer of students from the Iowa school for the deaf, see [§256.105](#)

263.22 Medical care for parolees and persons on work release.

The director of the department of corrections may send former inmates of the institutions provided for in [section 904.102](#), while on parole or work release, to the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics for treatment and care. The director may pay the traveling expenses of any such patient, and when necessary the traveling expenses of an attendant of the patient, out of funds appropriated for the use of the department of corrections.

[2005 Acts, ch 167, §51, 66](#)

Referred to in [§263.23](#)

263.23 Obligations to indigent patients.

The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics shall continue the obligation existing on April 1, 2005, to provide care or treatment at the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics to indigent

patients and to any inmate, student, patient, or former inmate of a state institution as specified in [sections 263.21](#) and [263.22](#), with the exception of the specific obligation to committed indigent patients pursuant to [section 255.16](#), Code 2005.

[2006 Acts, ch 1184, §118](#)