Professor Howard Liu

Chair, Department of Psychiatry, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Howard Liu, MD, MBA, is a nationally recognized psychiatrist, educator, workforce expert, social media innovator, and health care leader at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). He serves as the chair of the UNMC Department of Psychiatry, a professor with tenure in the UNMC College of Medicine, and as the president of the Association of Directors of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry (ADMSEP). Previous roles include state workforce director, psychiatry clerkship director and assistant vice chancellor for faculty development. Dr. Liu graduated magna cum laude from Northwestern University, completed medical school and adult psychiatry residency at the University of Michigan, and graduated with a child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship from the Massachusetts General Hospital/McLean Hospital. He also completed an Executive MBA in Health Administration at the University of Colorado Denver Business School. As chair of psychiatry, Dr. Liu was instrumental in the creation of a new UNMC adult psychiatry residency program which was approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in 2019. He also secured funding for a new addiction medicine fellowship and addiction medicine executive fellowship to expand the substance use workforce. He led the creation of the first Adult Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) in Nebraska which opened in 2020. Dr. Liu is an innovative teacher and an expert on social media, medical education, and professional development. Nationally and internationally, Dr. Liu has presented 87 peer-reviewed abstracts and is a frequent keynote speaker. He is a co-founder of the Clinical Simulation Initiative for the Association of Directors of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry (ADMSEP), a national, peer-reviewed curriculum which has been viewed more than 500,000 times in 122 countries.