The UIC Health Sciences Campus - Rockford is home to the College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, and College of Nursing with missions of educating health professionals, conducting research, and providing quality health care. The colleges at the campus play critical roles in the region.

The UIC Health Sciences Campus - Rockford significantly impacts the economy of the Rockford Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) through direct expenditures as a purchaser of goods and services. With nearly 400 employees in Rockford, over $25.1 million is spent annually in payroll and an additional $11.2 million is spent in support of its operations, research and clinical programs. The campus provides an additional $7.3 million to the Rockford MSA through the expenditures of its students and visitors. The added income created by the UIC Health Sciences Campus - Rockford in Fiscal Year 2014-15 is $58.2 million – equivalent to supporting 898 jobs.

In the fall of 2017, the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford will expand to provide all four years of education in Rockford (the first year was traditionally completed in Urbana). In preparation, the college is transforming the curriculum, recruiting new faculty and staff, and renovating facilities. The impact of the M1 expansion project spending from 2016 – 2035 will result in added annual income of approximately $2.2 million – equivalent to creating 31 new jobs.

Continued growth is anticipated as the UIC Health Sciences Campus - Rockford is planning multiple capital projects, which will provide short-run expansion spending impacts, long-run operations spending impacts, long-run student spending impacts, and long-run alumni impacts. The added annualized impact of these capital projects (2014-2035) is approximately $204,734 – equivalent to creating 4 new jobs.