Dr. M. Roy Wilson announced that he is stepping down as vice president of health sciences and dean of the medical school.

Dr. M. Roy Wilson will become president of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center later this year but said he will remain at Creighton through June to find a replacement and to help the medical center "keep some stability and not lose any momentum."

University leaders acknowledged that it will be tough to replace Wilson, who was hired as medical school dean in 1998. He became Creighton's health sciences vice president in 2001, putting him in charge of the university's nursing, pharmacy and allied health programs.

In four years, the 49-year-old ophthalmologist helped the medical school recruit top doctors, increase research funding, create a diverse administration and faculty, eliminate $3.5 million in debt and focus more on the pressing health concerns of the Omaha community.

He also played a key role in Creighton's decision to build a new science center, which is expected to lure more scientists and research grants when completed this spring.

When Wilson came to Creighton, he filled in the right eye of a Japanese Daruma doll, with the intent of filling in the left eye when he had achieved his goals for the medical center.

The second eye remains unfilled. Although he has achieved many goals, which are spelled out in a blue file in his desk titled "A list," Wilson said he wasn't able to substantially increase the number of women in the medical school work force or build up cash reserves to stabilize the medical school.

"I think what I've done is help build a solid platform for continued growth and achievement," Wilson said in an interview Friday. "There's really nothing broken right now. I think the next step is to capitalize on our successes and bring (the medical center) to a different level. I wish I could be here to be able to do that."

Wilson is taking charge of a health sciences center based in Lubbock that is only 25 years old but is growing. The last health sciences president was promoted to chancellor.

Texas Tech's medical school enrollment and federal research funding (a key measuring stick) are comparable to Creighton's. But its clinical role in west Texas is immense: It serves 3.2 million people in 108 counties and provides the only trauma center between Dallas and Albuquerque.

The health sciences center has $133 million in construction projects under way, including the expansion of its El Paso campus so that it can provide a four-year medical school on its own.
We would like to congratulate all of our graduates for a job well done. We hope that your career will be very successful. We are very proud of your success and believe you will be life changers in your new career.

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Diversity

“On behalf of all the Health Sciences schools, I invite you to examine Creighton’s core values which include the inalienable worth of each individual and appreciation of ethnic and cultural diversity coupled with service to others. Recruitment of a diverse student body is a top priority for us.”