

Accelerated Family Medicine Track (AFMT) Application

Northeast Ohio Medical University
Academic Year 2023-2024

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The **Accelerated Family Medicine Track (AFMT)** is an academic track program at NEOMED. The track shortens medical school by one calendar year and provisionally admits students to a NEOMED-affiliated Family Medicine residency program at their date of acceptance to the AFMT. Once acceptance decisions are made, students who accept their position in the AFMT will have an adjusted graduation date.

Application and Interview Process:

Students interested in applying for the AFMT must:

- Attend two information sessions with the AFMT leadership detailing all curricular components of the program.
 - Session 1: General overview of AFMT program (Aug-Sept)
 - Session 2: Detailed description of AFMT program with residency partners (Oct)
- Attend an advising session with the Assistant Dean of Students to discuss career goals and specialty interest in Family Medicine. (Dec-Jan)
- Visit the NEOMED-affiliated Family Medicine Residency Programs (Dec)
- Complete and submit this application form, including all requested materials
- Eligible students will be invited to interview with AFMT leadership in mid-February
- Students still deemed eligible will be advanced in the process
- Advancing students interview with all participating residencies in early to mid-March
- After interviews are completed, students who are still interested will submit a confidential list of residencies in order of preference, omitting any residencies student would not like to pursue further
- Likewise, residencies will submit a confidential list of applicants in order of preference, omitting any unacceptable candidates.
- Selection process will be done by NEOMED using an algorithm similar to the NRMP.

AFMT partner Family Medicine residency programs:

1. Summa Health System: Akron Campus Family Medicine Residency
Program Director: Maria "Alex" Schiaffino, MD FAAFP
Program contact:
Jennifer Vorell
mail: vorellj@summahealth.org
phone: 330-926-0672
2. Summa Health System: Barberton Campus Family Medicine Residency

Program Director: Lisa Schroeder, MD
Program contact:
Samantha Weisend
email: weisendsa@summahealth.org phone:
330-615-3224

3. Mercy Health St. Elizabeth Hospital: Youngstown Family Medicine Residency
Program Director: Jessica Handel, DO
Program contact:
Lauren Pasquine
Email: Lauren_Pasquine@mercy.com
phone: 330-480-3631
4. Mercy Health St. Elizabeth Hospital: Boardman Family Medicine Residency
Program Director: Thomas Macabobby, MD, FAAFP
Program contact:
Elaine Kaneski, MS
email: ekaneski@mercy.com
phone: 330-729-8749

Applicant Acknowledgement

I understand and acknowledge that by submitting my application for the Accelerated Family Medicine Track, I consent to the release and review of my NEOMED application materials and my current educational records to the AFMT Selection Committee, which may include employees from both NEOMED and partner residency programs.

Print Name

Signature

Submit all application materials (form, CV/resume, personal statement) via email, and direct letters of reference to:

Mike Appleman, MA Ed
Director, Primary Care Education
Northeast Ohio Medical University
4209 St. Rt. 44, PO Box 95, Rootstown, Ohio 44272
Email: mappleman@neomed.edu
Phone: 330-325-6115

Application Deadline: February 1, 2024

APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name:	
Phone:	Email:
Street Address:	City, State, Zip code:

Please indicate if the following items apply to you:

ITEM	Y/N	Description
Scholarships awarded:		
Military service (any branch):		

ESSAY

Please complete an essay with your response to each of the following prompts (1-2 pages):

- Discuss your interest in practicing family medicine. This may include:
 - Describing your personal qualities and how they align with Family Medicine
 - Defining Family Medicine (in your own words) and why you see yourself in this career – including formative past experiences or your aspirations
- Explain why you want to participate in the AFMT

REFERENCE LETTER

Applications to the AFMT must include 1-2 letters of recommendation. These references should be able to attest to applicants' background, personal qualities, and commitment to a career in family medicine. References must send their letters to the contact below by the application deadline.