



## The Urban Primary Care Pathway (UPCP) Application

Academic Year 2021-2022

### About the Program:

*The Urban Primary Care Pathway (UPCP) Program - A student-centered learning community at NEOMED*

The UPCP program is designed to introduce medical students to urban health issues that intersect with medical practice, as well as to foster critical thinking on social issues and compassionate care for underserved, marginalized, or otherwise socially disadvantaged and vulnerable urban populations. Unequal and inadequate access to care, particularly primary care, in underserved urban areas have been chronic in both the nation and the state of Ohio for many decades. Access to care is a multidimensional problem, including aspects of physician supply, socioeconomic and structural issues. To counteract these and other trends which exacerbate challenges to urban health, the NEOMED College of Medicine provides students an **Urban Primary Care Pathway (UPCP)** learning community opportunity. Students may apply to the UPCP at any time, although the main entry-point is prior to the first-year of medical school to ensure students receive the full learning community experience.

Utilizing a student-centered learning community model, the UPCP spans all four years of medical school. Through curricular integration and co-curricular opportunities, the goal of the UPCP is to foster student interest in urban health while enhancing the medicine student experience.

*UPCP Mission:* To train student physicians to address health care inequities and disparities in urban underserved and vulnerable populations.

*UPCP Vision:* To create a more equitable and just society, where all individuals can meet their full potential, and urban communities have the capacity and power to thrive.

The UPCP is for medicine students interested in addressing the challenges faced by urban and underserved communities. Students in the UPCP receive early and longitudinal training in urban environments while participating in curricular and co-curricular pathway activities.

**Special Instructions for Cleveland State University (CSU) Students:** Students matriculating from the CSU Urban Program to NEOMED must reaffirm their intent to continue in the NEOMED UPCP by:

- 1) Attending an information session, or at least reviewing the information session slides.
- 2) Submitting the UPCP application, personal statement, and CV/resume by May 15 prior to their first year of medical school. Letters from community references are not needed, although encouraged.

**\*\*CSU students who do not intend to continue in the UPCP must notify the Integrated Pathways coordinator, Rebecca Johnson, via email by May 15.**

The purpose of this process is for CSU students to reaffirm their desire to continue in the NEOMED version of the UPCP, not reapply. Students will be invited for intake interviews with the UPCP director and associate director.

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### *Student Information*

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

### *Background Information:*

Birthplace (city/state):	Community type (rural/suburban/urban):
Graduated High School (city/state):	Community type (rural/suburban/urban):
Medical specialty interests:	

### *Essay*

Please complete a 1-2 page essay including your response to each of the following prompts:

- Describe your interest in urban health and medicine.
- Describe your personal and professional goals
- Explain why you want to participate in the Urban Primary Care Pathway or what you hope to achieve through your involvement in the program.

### *Community References*

A student applying for the UPCP must provide 1-2 letters of recommendation. These references should be able to attest to the student's background, personal qualities, and her/his commitment to practice in an urban or underserved area. Community references should send their letters to the contact below.

Submit all application materials (**including CV/resume**) via email to:

***Rebecca Johnson, MS, MEd***

Curriculum Coordinator, Integrated Pathways

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***\*\*Please submit your application or notify your intent to apply by June 1, 2021***