



The Rural Medical Education (RMED) Pathway APPLICATION

Academic Year 2024-2025

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A student-centered learning community in NEOMED College of Medicine

About the Program:

The RMED Pathway provides students the opportunity to train in rural communities, opportunities to master rural health content and to become advocates for rural health. Due to the health care needs of rural populations, and the current and projected shortages of primary care physicians, the goal of the RMED Pathway is to train and support medical students interested in promoting rural health.

Utilizing a student-centered learning community model, RMED spans all four years of medical school. Through curricular integration and co-curricular opportunities, RMED students increase their knowledge of rural health while enhancing their medicine student experience.

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

Application Process:

Matriculating M1 students are eligible to apply to the RMED prior to the first-year of medical school using the provided Application. The RMED Pathway has a rural pipeline with Hiram College, although all student applicants are equally considered regardless of undergraduate institution or NEOMED early assurance partner: University of Akron, Baldwin-Wallace University, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, Youngstown State University.

Students applying after their first year may contact DFCMpathways@neomed.edu to inquire about onboarding procedures. Note, The final June deadline is extended for new students whose admission decision is after May 20, in order to provide all students equal opportunity and consideration as a new M1 student.

Once students submit all application materials, candidates will be reviewed and final selection decisions are made each academic year.

WHAT'S NEEDED TO APPLY:

STUDENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

You will be asked for some basic information, including your place of birth, what type of community you grew up in, and specialty interests. Additionally, you will be asked to provide a copy of your resume/CV.

ESSAY

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

- Describe your background or upbringing in a rural area or small town. If you did not grow up rural, how did your type of community influence your development?
- Discuss your interest in rural medicine and primary care
- Explain why you want to participate in the RMED Pathway

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit the above application materials on Campus Groups at this link: <https://cqlink.me/2oJ/s232>

For any questions, please contact:

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