



The Urban Primary Care Pathway (UPCP) APPLICATION

Academic Year 2024-2025

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A student-centered learning community in the NEOMED College of Medicine

About the Program:

The UPCP program provides students the opportunities to train in urban communities, master urban health content and to become advocates for urban health. 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. To counteract these and other trends which exacerbate challenges to urban health, the NEOMED College of Medicine provides students the UPCP learning community.

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.

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

Application Process:

Matriculating M1 students are eligible to apply to the UPCP prior to the first-year of medical school using the provided Application. The UPCP has an urban pipeline relationship with Cleveland State University, although all student applicants are equally considered regardless of undergraduate institution or NEOMED early assurance partner: University of Akron, Baldwin-Wallace University, Hiram College, 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 an urban area
- Discuss your interest in urban health/medicine and primary care
- Explain why you want to participate in the Urban Pathway

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit the above application materials on Campus Groups at this link: <https://cglink.me/2oJ/s233>

For any questions, please contact:

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