



Northeast Ohio
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY



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As a result of the recent discussions regarding partnership opportunities, Central State University (CentralSU) and the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) are moving forward to build a strong collaboration. CentralSU and NEOMED envision a partnership that will help address the health care workforce needs of Ohio through developing interprofessional health education and research programs, attracting and educating students from diverse backgrounds, and providing an urban primary care educational experience.

In the initial phase of the partnership, CentralSU and NEOMED will work together on institutional and college-specific components of the partnership. This will involve medical, pharmacy and graduate education and research opportunities, as well as fund-raising as outlined below. Both institutions will further develop the CentralSU/NEOMED Partnership Program during 2011-2012

Medical Education

- The NEOMED College of Medicine (COM) will develop a direct entry pipeline for academically qualified students from CentralSU.
 - Effective fall 2012, NEOMED COM will designate up to 5 direct entry seats, if available, for a preferential admissions process determined by NEOMED that will preferentially admit CentralSU students who are qualified and meet the medical school admissions standards as set forth by NEOMED.
 - The College of Medicine will work with CentralSU, as requested, to ensure CentralSU's pre-med program has the course content and rigor needed to ensure that students will be academically qualified to enter and be competitive for medical school.
 - CentralSU will work with its students to ensure that they are aware of the program and assist them in preparing to apply for the program.
 - The College of Medicine will explore with CentralSU the possibility of developing curriculum around public health, health disparities, and primary care experiences to introduce and attract students into primary care health careers.
- The College of Medicine will work with Cleveland State University to develop a pipeline pathway for entry of students from CentralSU to Cleveland State University's post-baccalaureate program in collaboration with NEOMED. The post-baccalaureate/MD program will have an urban primary care focus.

