

Unite for Impact Challenge – NEOMED/CPESN Ohio Student Fellowship

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Description of New Collaboration:

This year-long student fellowship experience provided the framework for a learner to engage in project-based work associated with community pharmacy excellence. This fellowship includes activities associated with:

- CPESN program development including resources for participating pharmacies to engage in patient care services
- CPESN participating pharmacy outreach conducted by NEOMED/CPESN Ohio student fellow
- Association and key stakeholder involvement/engagement (association and payor conferences/engagement)
- NEOMED/CPESN fellow collaborated with other CPESN Ohio APPE learners and NEOMED faculty to:
 - o Identify Ohio counties lacking participating pharmacies
 - o Complete participating pharmacy outreach

Outcomes:

Program Outcomes:

Current fellowship project hours:

- Participating pharmacy outreach: 10 hours
- Updating lists of participating pharmacies and identifying potential opportunities: 7 hours
- Creating clinical resources to share with participating pharmacies: 5 hours
- Writing and reviewing clinical protocols: 3.5 hours

Trainee Impact:

- Experience in the development of clinical protocols
- Increased knowledge of healthcare gaps that can be filled by community pharmacies related to both Fee-for-Service and Value-Based Care
- Ability to network with pharmacists within the organization
- 4 APPE students completed a learning experience with the CPESN Ohio network in academic year 2025-2026; 8 APPE students plan to complete learning experiences in academic year 2026-2027

1 APPE student secured NEOMED/CPESN Ohio fellowship for academic year 2025-2026; 1-2 APPE students planned to start in NEOMED/CPESN Ohio fellowship for academic year 2026-2027

Community Impact:

- NEOMED impact includes updates to medical billing curriculum, revision of Community Pharmacy Elective course to be offered in collaboration with all 7 colleges in Ohio, and development of Community-Based Care curriculum concentration
- CPESN Ohio impact included new resource documents created to support payor opportunities, updated databases and files that support CPESN Network operations.

Impact Statement:

This project demonstrates how student involvement has a compound effect on advancing cultural impact within academic institutions and across the CPESN Ohio network. By providing a unique, project-based internship that can be integrated throughout a student's learning experience in their APPE year, longitudinal experiences such as a student fellowship model can provide a myriad of opportunities for learners to gain both practical and leadership skills while also being connected to stakeholders across the state in efforts to support community pharmacy practice transformation.

Website links:

[First fellow selected in NEOMED partnership with statewide pharmacy network | the PULSE | NEOMED](#)

[College of Pharmacy launches partnership to improve quality of care | NEOMED](#)