

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Northeast Ohio Medical University
And
Stark State College**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“Memorandum”) is entered into between the Northeast Ohio Medical University (“NEOMED”), 4209 State Route 44, Rootstown, Ohio 44272, and Stark State College, 6200 Frank Avenue, N.W., North Canton, Ohio 44720 (“Stark State”) effective as of the 22nd day of July, 2015, collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

WHEREAS, a central element of NEOMED’s mission is to graduate professional and doctoral students trained in providing high-quality medical and pharmaceutical care and in designing and conducting innovative scientific, educational and clinical research; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Stark State is to provide quality, high-value associate degrees, with an emphasis on affordable, transferable higher education in areas of study that closely correlate to future progression into many of the disciplines available at NEOMED; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have collaborated over many years to improve the educational opportunities of one another in a multitude of ways, including NEOMED’s ongoing contributions to support Stark State’s anatomy and physiology courses; Stark State’s provision of College Credit Plus and other educational opportunities to students at the Bio-Med Science Academy, housed on the NEOMED campus; direct admission of several Stark State students into NEOMED’s selective Pharmacy program; and offering biotechnology internships at NEOMED for Stark State students; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have a mutual interest in providing guidance to and improving access for qualified candidates to matriculate to the NEOMED College of Pharmacy, College of Medicine, and College of Graduate Studies;


NOW THEREFORE, the Parties have agreed that they will collaborate to successfully achieve the following goals that are mutually beneficial to the mission of each institution:

1. Create a seamless articulation pathway for students to successfully complete an associate’s degree, leveraging existing NEOMED-affiliated pipeline programs when appropriate, which will successfully transition students to health profession degree programs at NEOMED.
2. Explore ways to increase operational and institutional efficiencies between institutions, including discussions to optimize utilization of space on each respective campus and expand educational opportunities and services to students, businesses and the communities/regions served;
3. Identify appropriate research opportunities on the NEOMED campus in order to enhance the skills and educational experiences available to Stark State students;

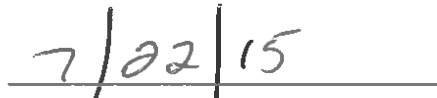
4. Network cross-functional and organizational boundaries to enhance direct communication between the institutions in order to effectively build successful pathways from Stark State to admission at NEOMED; and
5. Engage in joint strategic planning to further identify and develop opportunities for additional areas of collaboration and innovation between the two institutions.

The Parties, through their Authorized Representatives, have entered into this Memorandum of Understanding as of the date first set forth above.

Stark State College




Para M. Jones, Ph.D.
President, Stark State College

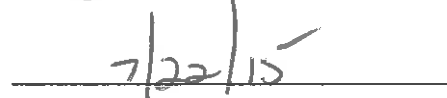


Date

Northeast Ohio Medical University



Jay A. Gershen, D.D.S., Ph.D.
President, Northeast Ohio Medical University



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