

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
Between
CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
And
THE NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY (NEOMED)
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is entered into on this 10th day of April 2026 by and between The Northeast Ohio Medical University (“NEOMED”) College of Pharmacy, with an address of 4209 State Route 44, Rootstown, Ohio 44272-0095, and Cuyahoga Community College District (“Tri-C”) with an address at 700 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2878. NEOMED is an institution of higher education, established pursuant to Section 3354 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Tri-C is also an institution of higher education, established pursuant to Section 3354 of the Ohio Revised Code. NEOMED and Tri-C desire to enter into a formal agreement pursuant to which students of NEOMED who formerly attended Tri-C would be eligible for the following benefits according to the terms contained in this Agreement.

ACCORDINGLY, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. *Description of Admission and Articulation Program.*

a. Definitions: Admission and Articulation Criteria and Benefits are defined in Attachment A.

b. Articulation Benefits to Students: Both NEOMED and Tri-C will provide these Admission and Articulation Benefits at no charge to past and present students who meet the Articulation Criteria for the duration of this Agreement.

c. Accreditation.

The Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Pharmacy is part of Northeast Ohio Medical University. NEOMED is accredited through the North Central Association. The College of Pharmacy and the Pharm.D. degree program offered by NEOMED is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, 135 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 4100, Chicago, IL 60603. The College of Pharmacy warrants that in 2017 it was awarded Full Accreditation status by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, 135 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 4100, Chicago, IL 60603. The College of Pharmacy will notify Tri-C within 90 days of formal notification of loss of accreditation if such accreditation ceases to exist.

Tri-C warrants that it is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604. Tri-C will notify

NEOMED within 90 days of formal notification of loss of accreditation if such accreditation ceases to exist.

- d. Non-Exclusivity. This Agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party,
- e. Advising/Counseling. Upon execution of this agreement, NEOMED will work with Tri-C to develop strategies to provide Tri-C students and graduates timely information about program opportunities and program requirements.
- f. Contacts. Parties will each identify, and notify as necessary any transitions of, a staff member to serve as liaison and main contact for the Agreement to assure continued communication between the two institutions on matters relating to this agreement:
 - i. Agreement Facilitation Contact(s):
 - a) NEOMED contact: Assistant Dean of Admissions
 - b) Tri-C contact: Office of Articulation, Transfer, and Prior Learning
 - ii. Student and Advising Contact(s):
 - a) NEOMED contact: Assistant Dean of Admissions
 - b) Tri-C contact: Director, Transfer Center

2. Term and Termination

- a. Term. This Agreement is not evergreen and does not automatically renew. The terms as outlined in Agreement A should be reviewed annually for accuracy and applicability to current students. This review process should occur in a consultative manner between faculty and administrative staff at both Tri-C and NEOMED at the traditional start of the academic year for accuracy to reflect any potential changes related to curriculum and policies. This current agreement will run from the Effective Date until August 1, 2029 at which time this Agreement will automatically expire.
- b. Termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause. Termination shall occur at the end of the academic year following formal notice of termination as specified in Section 3d.
- c. Post-Termination. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, Tri-C students previously matriculating to the NEOMED College of Pharmacy shall continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this agreement.
- d. Renewal. This agreement can be renewed, with appropriate modifications, provided both parties agree to such renewal prior to or following the date of expiration listed in Section 2a.

3. *Miscellaneous.*

- a. Severability. If any Section or provision of this Agreement be held illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with any law by a court of competent jurisdiction, such Section or provision of this Agreement shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the validity of the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.
- b. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ohio applicable to contracts made and to be enforced wholly within Ohio.
- c. Jurisdiction. The parties to this Agreement each specifically consent to jurisdiction in Ohio in connection with any dispute between the parties arising out of this Agreement of pertaining to the subject matter hereof.
- d. Survival. Sections 2(c) and this Section 3 will survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- e. Notices. All notices or other written communication required or permitted under this agreement will be effective when received in accordance with this sentence and must be given in writing by courier or reputable overnight delivery services, or by certified mail, return receipt requested to either party at its address first set forth above (or to such other address as such party may substitute by providing a written notice in the manner specified in this Section).

For Tri-C: Dr. Lindsay English, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, 700 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115

Office of General Counsel and Legal Services
Cuyahoga Community College
2500 East 22nd Street
Cleveland, OH 44115

For NEOMED College of Pharmacy: Dr. Katherine Tromp, Dean and Professor of the College of Pharmacy, 4209 State Route 44 Rootstown, Ohio 44272-0095

Electronic notices shall be considered acceptable under this Agreement for timeliness' sake, though such notice may be requested by either Party via written communication.

- f. Waivers and Amendments. The waiver by either party of any provision of this Agreement on any occasion and upon any particular circumstance shall not operate as a waiver of such provision of this Agreement on any other occasion or upon any other circumstance. This Agreement may be modified or amended only via a writing signed by both parties.

- g. Assignment. Neither party may assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement. Any attempted assignment or delegation in violation of this Section will be null and void.
- h. Complete Agreement: Integration. This Agreement contains the complete understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other prior agreements, understandings, communications, and properties of any kind, whether oral or written, between the parties with respect to such subject matter.
- i. Counterparts: Facsimile Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which shall be originals, and which together shall constitute a single agreement. For the purpose of interpreting this Agreement, facsimile signatures shall be considered equivalent to original signatures.
- j. Independent Contractors. The parties are independent contractors, and no agency, partnership, franchise, joint venture, or employment relationship is intended or created by this Agreement. Neither party shall make any commitment or give the impression that it has authority to make any commitment, on behalf of the other party.
- k. Compliance with Laws. The parties will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in performing their obligations hereunder. When taking actions (or failing to act in any way relating to this agreement, each party agrees that it will not unlawfully discriminate against any person on the basis or races, sex, religion, disability, age, national origin, or color.
- l. Data Exchange. Tri-C will request directory information for all graduates from the NEOMED at the completion of each academic year in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), and Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999. Upon receipt of a signed FERPA consent from the student, NEOMED will provide Tri-C with information regarding the success of students transferring to NEOMED while utilizing the benefits of this Agreement.

In the event that a student transfers before earning an associate degree and would like to be considered for the Ohio Department of Higher Education’s “Credit When It’s Due” initiative, NEOMED will send education records to Tri-C regarding any aspects of the student’s performance at NEOMED upon receipt of a FERPA release from the student. The parties agree that the credit to be awarded as a result shall be done so in compliance with all applicable Higher Education Accrediting Guidelines, Regulations and Assumed Practices.

- m. Responsibility for Negligence. Each party agrees to be responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused by the negligent acts or omission by or

through itself or its agents, employees, and contracted servants and each party further agrees to defend itself and be responsible for those judgments and costs which arise from such negligent acts or omissions, and nothing in this Agreement shall impute or transfer any such responsibility from one to the other.

INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND, by signing below, each Party acknowledges its agreement with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and each signatory represents and warrants that they are authorized to sign on behalf of and to bind their Party to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement as of the Effective Date (the last signatory).

Katherine Tromp

5/4/2026

Katherine Tromp, Pharm.D.

[date]

Dean

Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice

NEOMED College of Pharmacy

Lindsay S. English

04/13/2026

Lindsay S. English, Ph.D.

[date]

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

Cuyahoga Community College District

Attachment A

I – Pre-NEOMED Matriculation Benefits and Criteria

1. Early Assurance to the NEOMED College of Pharmacy Pharm.D. program

a. In order to fully utilize the benefits described below in this Section I, candidates for admission to Tri-C and students already attending Tri-C are strongly encouraged to apply for the early assurance university program (“EAP”) at the NEOMED College of Pharmacy at least one academic year prior to intended application to the Pharm.D. program. Only students who have been granted early assurance to the NEOMED College of Pharmacy Pharm.D. program will have a P1 seat held for them for the year they wish to begin study. Any students that do not choose to utilize early assurance are welcome to apply for admission as a P1 on a space-available basis for the year the student intends to matriculate.

b. “Early Assurance” follows a two-step process. First, candidates secure early assurance of a reserved seat in a future entering class by successfully meeting the early assurance program application requirements. Second, candidates who remain on track to maintain the EAP requirements, as outlined below and in their agreement, must apply for admission to the NEOMED College of Pharmacy via PharmCAS by December 31 of the year prior to their planned matriculation. Along with their PharmCAS application, EAP students will be invited to interview with a faculty member in person or online. This interview and application process serve as a formal review to ensure all EAP requirements have been met and are a requirement of accreditation. Students do not need to have completed all prerequisites at the time of application but must be on track to finish them by the end of July of their matriculation year.

2. NEOMED College of Pharmacy Pipeline Programs and Pre-Matriculation Advising

a. In order to fully utilize the benefits described below in this Section I, candidates for admission to Tri-C and students already attending Tri-C are strongly encouraged to participate as frequently as possible in pipeline programs offered through the NEOMED College of Pharmacy Pharm.D. program at least one academic year prior to intended application to the Pharm.D. program.

b. NEOMED and Tri-C will collaborate to offer an appropriate number and array of pre-admission and pharmacy career counseling opportunities for prospective and current students of Tri-C. Programming composition and frequency shall be collaboratively designed and executed by the admission and college staff at NEOMED and the designated point of contact at Tri-C. At least two opportunities should be offered each calendar year at mutually agreeable dates and times. Tri-C agrees to assist in disseminating NEOMED information to prospective and currently enrolled students through such channels as the institutional web domain and academic advising updates to students.

3. Pre-Professional Pre-Requisites and Application for Admission Requirements

a. All Tri-C students participating in this Agreement are subject to admission decisions rendered by the duly appointed NEOMED College of Pharmacy faculty admissions committee. Participation either in whole or in part with the benefits presented in this Agreement shall not constitute an offer of admission to NEOMED. All candidates must apply via the Pharmacy College Application Service (“PharmCAS”) centralized application service and meet all deadlines and requirements as specified by PharmCAS and NEOMED. NEOMED may not entertain application from candidates who do not present a verified PharmCAS application to the NEOMED College of Pharmacy faculty admissions committee. In all cases, final admission authority rests with the NEOMED College of Pharmacy faculty admissions committee and the Dean of the NEOMED College of Pharmacy. For complete information refer to the NEOMED Compass (catalog and student handbook) available at www.neomed.edu. All decisions are a result of a holistic admission process which may use criteria such as evidence of academic preparation for the rigors of a Pharm.D. program and evidence of professionalism indicative potential to serve in a professionally licensed health care field. All candidates are subject to a criminal background check.

b. Pursuant to Agreement item 2.a., NEOMED and Tri-C agree to maintain an up-to-date course mapping inventory lexicon. This lexicon will denote the appropriate course(s) from Tri-C that will fulfil the preprofessional requirement for matriculation to NEOMED. In some cases, this curricular mapping will vary by the degree and major program offered at Tri-C.

c. Admission to the NEOMED College of Pharmacy does not require that candidates possess a completed baccalaureate degree, but rather successful completion of prescribed pre-professional prerequisite coursework. Prescribed pre-professional prerequisite coursework may be in the process of completion at the time of admission to NEOMED, but all offers of admission are contingent upon successful completion of pre-professional prerequisite coursework. The minimum satisfactory grade to fulfil a pre-professional prerequisite course is a “C minus” or the equivalent in a “Pass/Fail” or “Credit/No Credit” grading option. Individual reviews of pre-professional prerequisite courses may occur in the context of a completed degree program in a science-based course of study. The Dean’s designee from the NEOMED College of Pharmacy will have the sole decision authority regarding pre-professional prerequisite requirements.

4. Pre-Professional Pre-Requisites Pathways for Students attending Tri-C

Note: Completion of pre-professional prerequisite courses may be fulfilled via completion of the designated course through Tri-C or recognized by Tri-C as fulfilling that requirement via transfer course equivalency or other formally recognized credit awarding option.

- a. Designated degree program in a science-related major field of study (coursework in progress - degree not yet awarded)

Tri-C Course/Semester Credit Hours	Fulfills NEOMED Pre-professional Prerequisite/Required Semester Credit Hours
BIO 2331 and BIO 2341	Anatomy/Physiology I & II Course - 6
BIO 2500	Microbiology course - 3
BIO 1500/150H and BIO 1510/151H	Biology & Other Life Sciences two course sequence (with labs) - 8
CHEM 1300 & 130L or CHEM 130H and CHEM 1310 & 131L or CHEM 131H	Inorganic Chemistry/General Chemistry two course sequence (with labs) - 8
CHEM 2300 and CHEM 2310	Chemistry two course sequence (with labs) - 8
PHYS 1210	General Physics course - 3
Course to be created	Biochemistry course - 3
MATH 1530 or higher	College Algebra or higher math course - 3
MATH 1410	Statistics/Medical Statistics course - 3
ENG 1010/101H and ENG 1020/102H	Composition two course sequence or equivalent – 6*
Various	General Education Courses -9
	Total: 60 Semester Credit Hours

Note: *advanced writing competency (integrated coursework) may be substituted with appropriate evidence of achievement

Admission benefits for Tri-C students also accepted into the NEOMED Early Assurance Program

Admission Requirement	Admission Requirement for candidates without early assurance attending Tri-C at the time of PharmCAS application	Admission Requirement for Early Assurance Candidates attending Tri-C at the time of PharmCAS application
Minimum College Cumulative GPA (as calculated by PharmCAS) Varies	Varies as part of a holistic admission decisions Average P1 GPA: 3.3	3.0
Minimum College Science GPA (as calculated by PharmCAS)	Varies as part of a holistic admission decisions Average P1 Science GPA: 3.1	3.0
Successful Interview for Admission	Required	Required
Assured P1 seat in the Pharm.D. program	Seat is not assured, enrollment is available through a selective admission process based on space-availability.	Seat is assured provided the Early Assurance Candidate successfully applies through PharmCAS by December 31 st the year prior to fall matriculation.
Minimum number of semester credit hours required to matriculate	60	60

Supplemental Information

- I. Agreement particulars:
 - a. Beginning and end dates of agreement—see Articulation Agreement.
 - b. Registration, authorizations, and criteria for students—Each institution will register students into its own class according to its own criteria.
 - c. Exclusions—Students who do not meet the articulation criteria listed in Attachment A will not be able to receive the articulation benefits, also listed in Attachment A.
 - d. Acceptance of credit by all participating members—See Articulation Agreement.
 - e. Participation of faculty—Each institution will be responsible for making faculty teaching assignments to the designated courses at its own institution in

its normal manner.

- f. Processing of evaluation and grades—Each institution will be responsible for processes related to the designated courses and instructors at its own institution in its normal manner.
- g. Funding and budgeting—No new funds are required at either institution. Each institution will be responsible for funding and budgeting in its normal manner.
- h. Subsidy, tuition, and course fees—Each institution will collect subsidy, tuition, and fees for its own courses in its normal manner.
- i. Record of credit hours taught—Each institution will provide records related to credit hours taught at its own institution to its respective institutional research office in its normal manner.
- j. Distribution of income—NA
- k. Transfer of funds—NA
- l. Equipment usage—Each institution is expected to provide the required instructional equipment of its own courses in its normal manner.
- m. Patents, copyrights, etc.—NA
- n. Protection of human subjects—NA
- o. Research support, etc.—NA
- p. Institutional deadlines—Deadlines for admission, registration, and course management will be followed at each institution for its own students and courses in its normal manner.
- q. Reconsideration of agreement—According to the terms of the agreement, the contents of the courses specified in the articulation agreement will be reviewed every three years.
- r. Expectations (joint report)--NA