

WWAMI TRUST

Are you interested in rural and underserved medicine?

If the answer is **YES**, consider the Idaho WWAMI TRUST program!

The Targeted Rural Underserved Track (TRUST) is an award-winning longitudinal medical school experience in rural and small city underserved communities, with a goal to produce physicians committed to practicing in rural and underserved areas of Idaho and the WWAMI region.



Understanding TRUST

WHAT IS TRUST?

Targeted Rural Underserved Track

TRUST is a longitudinal curriculum that seeks to provide a continuous connection between underserved communities, medical education, and health professionals in our region. The eventual goal is to create a physician workforce specifically trained for the underserved areas of Idaho and the WWAMI region.

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WHAT IS RUOP?

Rural Underserved Opportunities Program

As a component of TRUST, RUOP is a 4-week community medicine immersion experience for students between their first and second years of medical school. During their 4-week rotation, students live in rural or urban underserved communities throughout Idaho and the WWAMI region. They work side-by-side with local physicians, providing health care to underserved populations.

RUOP provides students with an early exposure to the challenges and rewards of practicing primary care medicine in a rural or urban underserved setting, an opportunity to learn how community health care systems function, and promotes a positive attitude toward rural and urban underserved community medicine.

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WHAT IS WRITE?

WWAMI Rural Integrated Training Experience

WRITE is a longitudinal integrated clerkship training for students during the Patient Care Phase of medical school. WRITE was developed to help meet the need for more rural primary care physicians in Idaho and the WWAMI region. This unique program has been successful because of its integration of community involvement, continuity of experience, and proven curriculum. Emphasis is on the rural physician's roles and responsibilities to diagnose, treat, and manage the majority of health problems on a longitudinal, continuing basis while calling upon the health care resources of the community.

<https://blogs.uw.edu/write/>



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Curriculum and Opportunities



After a targeted TRUST admissions process, TRUST scholars are linked to small city, underserved or rural communities in Idaho for a series of educational experiences throughout four years of medical school.

TRUST FirstSummer Experience (FSE)

TRUST scholars spend 1 to 2 weeks in their TRUST continuity community for a summer experience before the beginning of the Foundations Phase.

FoundationsPhase

First 18 months of medical education is based at University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. TRUST scholars complete one or more selective courses during each term with a focus on underserved rural or underserved small city practice, while returning to their continuity community for short periods of the Foundation Phase.

Rural Underserved Opportunities Program (RUOP) Experience

Occurs during the summer months of the Foundations Phase.

PatientCarePhase

Patient Care clinical clerkships in Seattle or throughout the WWAMI region.

WWAMI Rural Integrated Training Experience (WRITE)

Longitudinal, integrated clerkship training that allows students to provide continuity care for a panel of patients within their continuity community.

Opportunities and Support

- Linkage with existing UW programs such as the Rural Underserved Opportunities Program (RUOP) and the Underserved Pathway (UP), in addition to unique curricular elements, allows TRUST scholars to immerse themselves in the care of the underserved.
- TRUST scholars are encouraged to attend regional and national meetings related to caring for the underserved in rural or small cities in Idaho and the WWAMI region.
- TRUST scholars have the opportunity to participate in the Underserved Pathway, are assigned mentors with underserved experience, and receive extra guidance from TRUST faculty and staff as they progress through medical school and on to residency.



TRUST scholars will have multiple opportunities to experience first-hand the joys and satisfaction of practicing medicine in a rural or urban underserved community. TRUST scholars are matched with continuity communities in Idaho and benefit from the expertise of physician preceptors over the course of their medical school career.

Being part of the TRUST program has provided me a unique opportunity to experience continuity of care and a sense of community as I have gotten to know patients, providers, and staff over the years I have spent at my TRUST site.

Andrew Nilsen, E-17 Nampa

I didn't realize the uniqueness of being a TRUST scholar until I was interviewing for residency and hearing about other students' rotation experiences. It became obvious that TRUST provided me with an early, intimate view into patient care, healthcare in general, and the specific need for rural physicians.

Colby Brower, E-15 Twin Falls

TRUST is an added bonus to medical school. Being able to have a mentor in an underserved area and having more clinical experience reminds us along the way why we wanted to become doctors.

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