

FOURTH-YEAR (MS4):

The Idaho Track offers electives and all fourth-year requirements with the exception of the Capstone Course. Because the Idaho Track is the only site that offers Emergency Medicine and Chronic Care, non Idaho Track students must return to Seattle for those clerkships. The Capstone Course occurs at the end of the year and focuses on refresher topics and pre-residency skills. Idaho Track students receive travel support to return to Seattle for the Capstone Course.

Students are required to take and pass both components of Step 2 of the USMLE between June and September. Step 2 assesses whether they can apply medical knowledge, skills and understanding of clinical science essential for provision of patient care under supervision.

Students identify careers and apply to graduate medical education programs in the fourth year through the UWSOM ERAS program. Match results for post-graduate placement occur in March nationwide. Idaho Track students receive career counseling and residency application, selection, and Match support through the Idaho WWAMI Clinical Deans office.

Students graduating receive their M.D. at the Hooding Ceremony in Seattle the beginning of June. Most graduate medical education residency programs begin the last week of June.

LINKS:

- Idaho Track:
<http://www.uwmedicine.org/Education/WWAMI/RegionalOffices/Idaho.htm>
- Registering & Scheduling:
<http://www.uwmedicine.org/Education/MDProgram/StudentAffairsAndServices/Registration/>
- Residency Selection Forums:
<http://www.uwmedicine.org/Education/MDProgram/StudentAffairsAndServices/Medical+Student+Events.htm>
- Graduation Requirements:
<http://www.uwmedicine.org/NR/rdonlyres/2F637D6B-E16B-484E-9A20-4124AB3A7D9A/0/GRADUATIONREQUIREMENTS.pdf>
- UWSOM ERAS Support:
<http://www.uwmedicine.org/Education/MDProgram/StudentAffairsAndServices/ERAS+Essentials.htm>
- UWSOM Student Travel Support:
<http://depts.washington.edu/gowwami/>
- Hooding Ceremony
<http://www.uwmedicine.org/Education/MDProgram/S>

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
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IDAHO'S MEDICAL SCHOOL**

The University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSOM) again has ranked first among primary-care medical schools in the country, according to annual rankings of graduate and professional schools provided by U.S. News & World Report. UWSOM is the only medical school in the nation ranked in the top 10 for all eight specialties included in the rankings.

For the 16th consecutive year, UWSOM's teaching programs in family medicine and in rural health also ranked No. 1. The school ranked fourth in teaching medical students about AIDS, sixth in internal medicine, seventh in geriatrics (health care for the elderly), eighth in pediatrics, and tenth in women's health and in drug/alcohol abuse training. The school's physician assistant program, MEDEX, ranked seventh in the nation.

The UWSOM ranked sixth among research schools nationally, moving ahead of Stanford with which it was last year tied for seventh. It ranked first among public medical schools and second among all medical schools in research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in fiscal year 2006. Only Harvard Medical School had more NIH funding.

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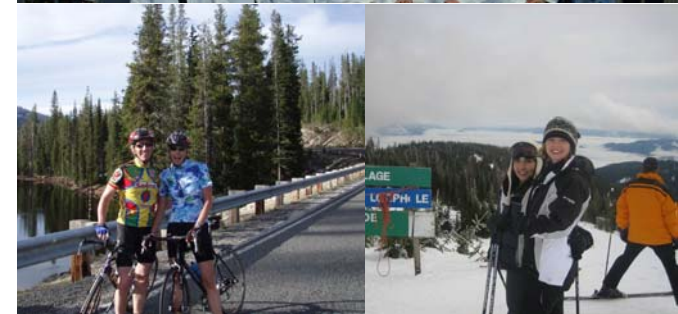


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WWAMI is the 5-state regional medical education program of the University of Washington School of Medicine, including Washington-Wyoming-Alaska-Montana-Idaho

MISSION

In 2006, the University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSOM) adopted a new mission statement that underscores the commitment to regional, rural, and underserved populations and their healthcare needs in the five-state WWAMI region. In addition to being a national leader in biomedical research and the advancement of knowledge in academic medicine and science, specific wording was incorporated that recognizes the importance of primary care and providing service to the underserved populations.

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The two offices work together closely supporting students participating in medical education in Idaho. Resources are offered from medical school admissions on through medical practice. Medical students have opportunities ranging from research to clinical experiences in rural or underserved primary care practices throughout Idaho or internationally. Programs are available for both high school and undergraduate level of students. Idaho WWAMI offers opportunities for community outreach.

ADMISSIONS

The Idaho Legislature currently reserves 20 seats in the UWSOM for Idaho students and participates in the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). Admitted students pay in-state tuition and contribute 4% of what the State of Idaho pays in tuition to the Idaho Rural Physician Incentive Program.

The Entering Idaho WWAMI Class of 2007 (E07) had a GPA average of 3.72 and MCAT averages of 10.8 Verbal, 10.4 Physical Sciences, and 11.1 Biological Sciences. Preliminary AMCAS applications are accepted from June 1 through a strictly enforced deadline of November 1 of the year before the start of medical school.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Apply online through AMCAS
Applicants must qualify for Idaho Residence
MCAT & GPA are considered
Interviews occur in Seattle January-March
Idaho WWAMI Interviewing Team includes 4 Idaho physicians

HELPS AND HINTS:

Learn about and become involved with community outreach programs as early as possible. Discover what opportunities are available. HOSA, Shadowing Opportunities, Community Service, Mini Medical School, Career Counseling, Pre-Med Clubs, and Pre-Med Summits are examples.

LINKS:

Idaho Residency Laws:
<http://www.registrar.uidaho.edu/residency/idaho-law.html>
Application Process and Selection Factors:
<http://www.uwmedicine.org/Education/MDProgram/Admissions/ApplicationProcedure.htm>
AMCAS:
<http://www.aamc.org/students/amcas/amcas2007.htm>
Idaho Rural Physician Incentive Program:
http://dfm.idaho.gov/Publications/BB/StrategicPlans/SP2009/RuralPhysic_SP.pdf
UWSOM 4-Year Curriculum:
<http://uwmedicine.washington.edu/Education/MDProgram/Curriculum/4th+Year+Students.htm>
Financial Aid:
<http://www.uwmedicine.org/Education/MDProgram/StudentAffairsAndServices/FinancialAid/>

FIRST YEAR (MS1):

WWAMI provides a unique opportunity in medical education. As a first-year Idaho WWAMI medical student, you will be in a class of only 40 students at the combined campuses of the University of Idaho and Washington State University. Idaho students may elect to exchange sites with a Seattle student. Class begins in August and ends in May. Students become connected to the Seattle community during their first year through the College System and resources through the Medical Student Association (MSA) and class Senator. The MSA operates MEDLINKS online which includes online practice tests and student suggestions to better prepare for first-year courses. The College System assigns each student with one of five Colleges. The program focuses on personalizing medical education for students and providing a deeper understanding of fundamental clinical skills and professionalism.

Students may enroll in the Rural/Underserved Opportunities Program (R/UOP) for a four-week clinical elective with a primary care physician before their second year.

LINKS:

Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program:
<http://uwmedicine.washington.edu/Education/WWAMI/RegionalOffices/Idaho.htm>
Suggestions by Students on MS1 Courses:
<http://www.uwmedicine.org/NR/rdonlyres/90F0DF66-0010-45A7-89D1-440F24B9770D/0/StudyTipsYrIIMS20052006.pdf>
MSA Practice Tests
<http://depts.washington.edu/uwsommsa/medlinks/>

SECOND YEAR (MS2):

Students throughout WWAMI join one another in Seattle for the second year's courses. Classes begin in September and end in June.

Students will have opportunities to meet with WWAMI Clinical Coordinators from the region to discover what third-year opportunities are available. Students interested in being an Idaho Tracker will sign up through the Registrar's Office in winter. Students most interested in primary care as a career, and possibly in a rural setting, should consider applying to the WRITE program. Applicants are interviewed in the fall semester.

Students must take and pass Step 1 of the United States Medical Licensure Examination (USMLE), an assessment of students' understanding and application of important concepts of the basic sciences.

LINKS:

Suggestions by Students on MS2 Courses:
<http://www.uwmedicine.org/NR/rdonlyres/90F0DF66-0010-45A7-89D1-440F24B9770D/0/StudyTipsYrIIMS20052006.pdf>
MSA Step 1 Practice Test
<http://depts.washington.edu/uwsommsa/medlinks/>
UW USMLE Step 1 Orientation:
<http://www.uwmedicine.org/Education/MDProgram/StudentAffairsAndServices/Medical+Student+Events.htm>
USMLE Step 1, 2, 3
<http://www.usmle.org/>
WRITE:
<http://depts.washington.edu/write/>
Idaho Track:
<http://staff.washington.edu/angwick/Clerkship/Idaho%20Track%20Flyer%202008.pdf>
Registering & Scheduling:
<http://www.uwmedicine.org/Education/MDProgram/StudentAffairsAndServices/Registration/>
UW Third & Fourth Years:
<http://www.uwmedicine.org/Education/MDProgram/StudentAffairsAndServices/Third+and+Fourth+Years.htm>

THIRD YEAR (MS3):

The last two years of medical school are in the clinical setting July through June. Students can stay in Seattle for the majority of their third-year clinical clerkships, rotate around the WWAMI region, enter a Track (including the Idaho Track) or enter the WRITE program if accepted.

The Idaho Track offers all third-year required clerkships within the state in a small community environment. Most clerkships are in the Boise area. Student support services are in place through the Idaho WWAMI Clinical Deans office.

Students completing WRITE in Idaho will join their practice in Hailey, McCall, or Sandpoint at the end of their third-year for 20 weeks of clerkship credit.

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