

# ROBIN MCFARLANE

## Targeted Rural Underserved Track

WWAMI  
**TRUST**  
UW MEDICINE

Ellensburg, Washington

Entering Class of 2014

*TRUST seeks to provide a continuous connection between rural, small city underserved communities, medical education, and health professionals in our region. Our goal is to create a full-circle pipeline by guiding qualified students through a special curriculum that connects continuity communities in WWAMI to the University of Washington School of Medicine and its network of affiliated residency programs in an effort to help meet the workforce needs of the region.*

Hi, Ellensburg! I feel so excited to be serving your community! My name is Robin McFarlane, and I grew up in the hills of Tennessee in a log cabin with no running water or electricity. My exposure to medicine started in that log cabin when I was just three years old, where midwives let me bring them moist towels to help with my mother's at-home delivery of my little brother. These early memories guide my motivation to provide health care for those that are far from the hustle and bustle of the big city.

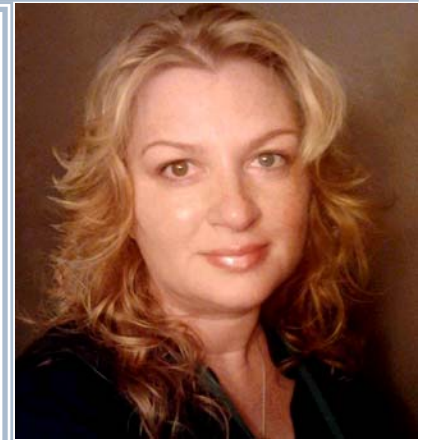
I come to you as no stranger to personal hardship. During college, I lost my husband to cancer. I moved to the beautiful state of Washington to let life near the Central Cascades heal my heart. I completed a degree in biology from Washington State University and when I graduated, the memory of my husband's illness stayed with me as a reminder to always live life to the fullest.

My last seven years have been spent managing a translational research lab at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland, Oregon. I've developed a few novel techniques such as an siRNA treatment for rheumatoid arthritis, and a video technology for use in neurosurgery to measure cortical blood flow changes associated with hemorrhage, stroke, trauma and migraine. I've also spent several years volunteering as Team Captain of Disaster Services with the Southwest Washington Red Cross. I loved leading a team of volunteers onto the front lines of a disaster to guide families through the acute moments of trauma and disaster. In addition, I've volunteered for a year in a family medicine clinic where I have been a part of counseling families through addiction, grief, joy, mental illness, childbirth, death and daily health needs.



Some of my hobbies include scuba diving, crochet and rock climbing. I'm also an artist and my paintings have been shown in the US, Japan and Greece. Water is somehow soothing to me, and in my spare time I like to hike and camp near lakes, rivers or waterfalls. I also love to harvest lettuce from my own garden, cook up a big dinner of local produce to share with neighbors, or enjoy a mug of hot jasmine tea with a friend.

I am so looking forward to meeting you and taking in all Ellensburg has to offer!



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