

PAUL CRAVEN

Targeted Rural Underserved Track

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UW MEDICINE

Western 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.

Hello Port Townsend! My name is Paul and I am super excited to be joining you over the next few years as an integral part of my medical education. I grew up in Port Angeles, WA. After high school I became a wildland firefighter and then received my degree from UW in Environmental Science with an emphasis in fire ecology. My path changed in July 2008 when a fellow firefighter, and Port Townsend native, was killed in the line of duty. This tragedy was very personal and led me to re-examine my life goals. I completed my EMT certification and joined a Helicopter Fire and Rescue crew performing wilderness rescues. Medicine then became my life's calling. I have been working as an EMT in Seattle since 2012 dealing primarily with the homeless and their chronic medical conditions.



My wife and I both love being outdoors—hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting. In April 2014, we welcomed our first child, son, Joel. He is an amazing kid and constantly surprises us.

I look forward to returning to the Olympic Peninsula and beginning this new adventure. I am excited to learn from Dr. Hong and the rest of the healthcare team over the next 4 years!

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