

# STEPHEN DURKEE

## Targeted Rural Underserved Track

WWAMI  
**TRUST**  
UW MEDICINE

Western Washington

Entering Class of 2015

*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.*

I am excited to be joining you in Port Angeles. My name is Steve Durkee. I am originally from Seattle and I love the Pacific Northwest. I completed my undergraduate degree in anthropology from the University of Victoria, British Columbia. After college, I worked as a fly fishing guide in Bristol Bay, Alaska for 7 years. During the off-seasons from guiding, I travelled through Nicaragua, Panama, El Salvador, and Colombia where I became fluent in Spanish.

I got my start in health care as a volunteer medical translator at a Sea Mar clinic in White Center. At that time, I also returned to school to study my pre-requisite courses for medical school in Seattle. I have worked with Sea Mar for 4 years now, graduating from my work as a volunteer to the job of Care Coordinator. This position has enabled me to work closely with chronic disease patients and help them establish and achieve health goals.

I am an avid fly fisherman, especially for steelhead, and enjoy skiing, cooking, playing music, camping and rafting. I am looking forward to exploring the Olympic Peninsula and getting to know the locals, both in the clinical setting and around town.



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