

MELISSA RANGEL

Targeted Rural Underserved Track

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Eastern Washington—Moses Lake

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.

Hello, Moses Lake! My name is Melissa, I am a first year medical student who will be spending time working with Dr. Matthews and the medical community in Moses Lake. I look forward to learning and working in your community!

I graduated from the University of Washington in 2012 with a Bachelors of science in Psychology. I am excited to begin the next leg of my journey, pursuing a career in family and rural medicine. I have worked in a variety of medical settings, from a family clinic to the Burn intensive Care unit at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. I am beyond excited for my experience here in Moses Lake.

In my free time I love to be outside, rain or shine! Most weekends you will find me out fishing, hiking or gardening with my fiancé, Antonio. I also love to travel and am constantly dreaming up my next adventure! I have been to Guatemala, Greece, Turkey, and Korea and look forward to future explorations. Despite these international travels, my favorite place in the world is Bigfork, Montana, where my grandpa lives. I have frequented Bigfork since I was a child, and it has become a favorite destination for me and Antonio.

I feel very fortunate to have this opportunity to start my medical school journey here in Moses Lake! I look forward to meeting and working with you!



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