

ERIN BOLAND

Targeted Rural Underserved Track



Eastern Washington —Grand Coulee

Entering Class of 2017

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 Grand Coulee!

My name is Erin Boland and I am honored and humbled to have been chosen to represent the UWSOM and TRUST program.

I was born and raised in Ephrata, WA. Growing up in Ephrata consisted of motorcycle riding, fishing, hunting, quilting, attending county fairs, and Friday night football or basketball games. I loved growing up and being part of my small town culture and it is one of the things I most look forward to someday as a physician.

After high school I attended Washington State University (GO COUGS) and earned my B.S. in Zoology. During that time I took four separate trips to Guatemala where I volunteered in clinics, orphanages, construction sites, and at a regional hospital. After college I spent a year doing cancer treatment research and teaching anatomy. I then left Washington State and moved to New Orleans, LA to earn my M.S. in Anatomy from Tulane University. After being away from home for some time I moved back to

Ephrata to teach elementary school, volunteer as a hospice aid, and shadow a nearby pediatrician. It was then that I realized being a rural physician was exactly what I wanted to do with my life.

I currently live in Spokane, WA. In my spare time I enjoy hiking, trapshooting, cooking, camping, watching local bands and visiting farmers markets. I feel blessed to be able to stay here in Spokane for my medical education at the UWSOM.

I look forward to my time in Grand Coulee getting to know and work with the community as your newest TRUST scholar. I hope to make strong connections and learn from as many people as I can. Thank you in advance for welcoming me into your lives and allowing me this opportunity of a lifetime.

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