

KRISTEL HALLSSON

Targeted Rural Underserved Track

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UW MEDICINE

Eastern Washington— Moses Lake

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.

I grew up in Snohomish, with my mom, dad, and two older brothers, and the day before my 19th birthday, I enlisted in the US Air Force. One month later I was off to basic training, and I spent the next 11 years on active duty. Toward the end of my second enlistment, I was trying to decide what the next step was for me, and after one particularly difficult day in Afghanistan in 2009, I knew that medicine was what I wanted to do with the rest of my life.



In 2010, after four tours and five deployments, I returned home to finish my undergraduate education and apply to medical school. I graduated in 2015 with a bachelor of arts in biology from Central Washington University, and while living in Ellensburg, I fell in love with the people, the climate, and the landscape of Central Washington.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family, watching Star Trek, and taking my dogs out for walks. I am now a Master Sergeant in the Washington Air National Guard and have completed a total of 18 years of military service. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to attend UW School of Medicine and to spend the next 4 years getting to know the people of Moses Lake. If you see me around, please take a moment to say hello!



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