

JOE KIRSCH

Targeted Rural Underserved Track

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Western Washington

Entering Class of 2016

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.

Hi Port Angeles! My name is Joe Kirsch and I am a student at UW School of Medicine, where I am a TRUST scholar. This is a unique curriculum for students with a commitment to rural medicine. As a lifelong resident of Washington State, Port Angeles holds a special place in my heart, both for its wonderful communities and the natural beauty of the region. I feel privileged to work with you for the next 4 years!

I grew up in the Seattle area and after high school, I went straight into the workforce where I worked in landscaping and construction. Later, pursuing my passion for the outdoors, I worked on backcountry trails in both Mt. Rainier and Olympic National Parks through AmeriCorps and the Washington Conservation Corps. After completing my service, I earned my Bachelors of Arts and Science from The Evergreen State College. While attending college, I volunteered with The Olympia Free Clinic, which inspired me to pursue medicine. I witnessed how compassionate, patient-centered care uplifted underserved communities. To me, medicine is a commitment to helping others pursue their best selves.

In my free time I enjoy hiking, coaching Olympic weightlifting, creating art, and going on adventures with my dog, Goose. I am thrilled to be returning to Port Angeles and I look forward to hearing your story!



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