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Targeted Rural Underserved Track

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Eastern Washington—Ellensburg

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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 Ellensburg!

My name is Chelsea Denney, and I am excited to be representing the TRUST program in Ellensburg for the UWSOM. I grew up in the tiny town (~3000 people) of Goldendale, WA with my single dad. However, it was rarely just the two of us. My nana, papa, aunts and uncles were always close by. Most of my childhood was spent reading (still a huge book nerd), fishing, camping, and trying to keep up with my older my cousins. I loved growing up near the Cascades and the sense of community that a small town offers.

I studied psychology at UW and then pursued a post-bachelor's degree in biology at WSU-TC. I have worked an assortment of jobs during my education, but it was my work as a scribe that helped me envision myself as a physician. After shadowing a rural PCP, I realized how much I appreciated the continuity of care and relationships that develop from being a physician in a rural community.



For the last few years I have been working as a research associate at Pacific Northwest National Labs in Richland, WA. Most of time is spent helping with integrative omics and broad host range vector research. In my free time I enjoy hiking, brewing craft beer (it is drinkable, but not yet delicious), spending time with my family, and my miniature dachshund, Maverick.

I can't wait to meet you all and become more familiar with community of Ellensburg. I am thankful in advance for all you will do in helping me prepare for the next step in my career!



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