



**Montana TRUST Cohort** - usually 12 students

**Foundations Phase** - first eighteen months  
*(July-Dec)*

**Patient Care Phase**  
*one year (Mar-Mar)*

**Explore & Focus Phase**  
*14 mos. (Mar-May)*

**FSE**

**Triple-I Research Req. (summer)**

**WRITE**

First Summer Experience is a 10-12 day introduction to their assigned TRUST site. Takes place prior to medical school orientation

*Scheduled sometime in mid-May to mid-July*

- Foundations Phase runs July of 1st year through December of 2nd year @ MSU in Bozeman.
- The curriculum is standardized throughout WWAMI, consisting of 9 blocks with integrated Threads and Themes.
- Students participate in clinical skills training and primary care preceptorship, and are assigned a college mentor for their entire time as a WWAMI student.
- Some TRUST sites near Bozeman welcome TRUST students for PCP.

- Rural Underserved Opportunities Program (RUOP) Four-week, clinical elective experience where students are placed in rural or small-city underserved primary care (PC) clinics for four continuous weeks between July - Aug, providing early exposure to rewards & challenges of practicing PC medicine. Required scholarship project to be completed simultaneously.
  - Additional research opportunities may be available, based on research mentor availability and student performance.
- Region-wide TRUST Leadership Retreat required (usually scheduled for the end of August).

**NBME Exam Step 1**

- WRITE longitudinal rotation (21-24 weeks @ TRUST site) - FM, out-patient MED, OB, PEDS, PSYCH, and GYN at some sites.
- Following WRITE, students will be assigned in-patient rotations in MED (6 weeks), PEDS (3 weeks), and PSYCH (3 weeks), typically in Seattle, as well as 6 weeks of surgery somewhere in the region.

**NBME Exam Step 2**

- Students enroll in all additional courses necessary for graduation. This includes Neurology and Emergency Medicine along with chosen electives.
- Complete Advanced Patient Care (APC) clerkships.
- Complete important items for residency applications.
- Allow time for residency interviews, etc.
- Typically, students graduate in May of their 4th year, following the Transition to Residency Course.

Potential for direct-entry to Montana's FM residencies