

**WHY IS THE SPOKANE TRACK YOUR BEST CHOICE FOR YOUR 3rd & 4th YEAR?**



Spokane is one of the largest medical centers in the Northwest and is home to four full-service hospitals, as well as three specialty hospitals. Spokane draws patients from a population of over 2 million and the hospitals provide quality care ranging from open-heart surgery, poison center education, heart and lung transplants, cancer treatment, neonatal care, kidney dialysis and rehabilitation and home care, just to name a few.

Spokane students will have the opportunity to see a diverse patient population with a wide range of illnesses. Training in Spokane will provide the student with a rich variety of experiences in state-of-the-art facilities with cutting-edge technology and a pool of very talented teachers.

Spokane has a closely integrated set of sophisticated medical services supported by a consortium of hospitals and community health centers. The presence of residents from Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Psychiatry, Radiology and Transitional Programs adds to the academic nature of the Spokane Track without taking away from the many opportunities to learn through a variety of experiences.

In Spokane students have a lower student-to-faculty ratio. This close relationship with faculty and attending physicians allows for a more tailored experience for the student including more opportunity for hands-on experience and greater contact with patients. Training in Spokane demonstrates real-life medicine at its best by providing the opportunity to become acquainted with the lifestyle of the practicing physician in the region.

The Spokane clerkship sites and institutions are very welcoming to students and offer excellent clinical training as well as organized didactic sessions. Sacred Heart Medical Center provides free food to medical students and residents as well as computer access and convenient free parking. Additionally, students will either be provided free housing or will find that available housing is affordable and close to the medical centers.

The WWAMI Regional Office routinely hosts events, such as monthly Medical Student Education Meetings and Grand Rounds with the Spokane 1<sup>st</sup> year WWAMI Class; the goal is to create a greater sense of collegiality to the Spokane Medical Education Community & to introduce all the medical students to the opportunities and knowledge base in Spokane and the surrounding area.

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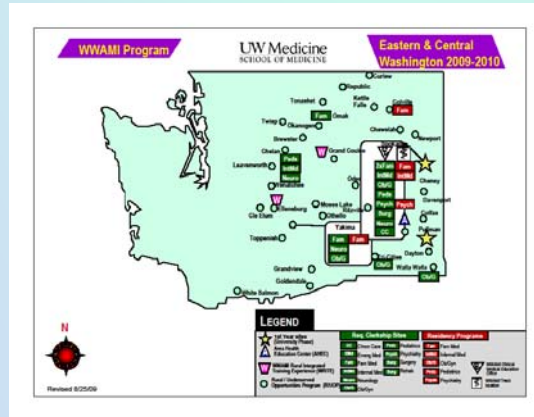
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CLERKSHIPS**

## SPOKANE, WASHINGTON



Spokane is the gateway to the Pacific Northwest and the heart of the Inland Northwest. It is the largest city between Seattle and Minneapolis and as such, it serves as a hub of health, recreation, entertainment, and fine dining. It is located 24 miles west of the Idaho state line and 100 miles south of British Columbia, Canada. There are approximately 418,000 people in the greater Spokane area and the medical centers draw from 2 million people in the surrounding areas.

Spokane is a veritable paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Within easy reach of the city are 76 lakes, four major rivers, 33 golf courses, five national parks and venues for downhill and cross-country skiing. The paved Spokane River Centennial Trail for hikers, runners, bikes and skaters stretches 37 miles along the river to the Idaho state line. The Spokane River runs through downtown Spokane, where it is bordered by Riverfront Park, location of a scenic gondola ride that soars 200 feet high and the century-old Loeffel carousel with hand-carved figures. There are 4,100 acres of parks and natural areas in Spokane, including a new outdoor sports and recreation complex and the Cat Tales Zoological park, home to 42 exotic and endangered lions, tigers and other felines. There are also ample cultural venues including, a symphony orchestra, ballet companies, galleries, museums, libraries, stage productions hosting Broadway plays and the tropical Gaiser Conservatory in the 90-acre Manito Park. The downtown core is alive with shopping, dining and the arts and there are numerous special events in Spokane every year.

The topography of this area varies from rolling wheat fields to snow-capped mountains, from lush forests to desert areas and from pristine lakes to raging rivers. There are 260 days a year of sunshine and 4 distinct seasons (sometimes all in one day) with temperatures that range from an average of 33F in the winter to 82F in the summer; yearly rain average is 16.5" and the total yearly snow fall average is 50".

Spokane has strong economic growth, an affordable cost of living and a reasonably short commute time. For families, Spokane offers excellent schools, clean air and drinking water and a multitude of community activities. Over the last few years, some of the Track students have purchased homes in Spokane, some hoping to stay in Spokane for residency training and others just to take advantage of the affordable real estate market that Spokane offers.

## SPOKANE TRACK CLERKSHIPS

All 3rd & 4th Year Required Clerkships  
can now be done in Spokane

### THIRD YEAR:

**FAMILY MEDICINE**

**INTERNAL MEDICINE**

**PEDIATRICS**

**OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY**

**SURGERY**

**PSYCHIATRY**

### FOURTH YEAR:

**NEUROLOGY**

**CHRONIC CARE: REHAB & PALLIATIVE CARE**

**EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

**ELECTIVES & SURGERY SELECTIVES**



## CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Washington is a state of great wonder with its unique natural beauty and amazingly diverse geography. The beauty of this land is seen in the towering mountains, flat windy plains, fields of grain and fruit and always, within a stone's throw, water. Central Washington towns are famous for their fresh fruit and for their wine making in addition to the fact that they supply a large portion of the world's wheat supplies. The inhabitants are the ancestors of those who settled this land and still live with pride, authenticity and integrity. Many of the towns are big on character and solitude and short on people and ego.

Your clerkship rotations in Central Washington will be "up close and personal" as you may be the only student on your rotation and will work one-on-one with the preceptor while treating a wide variety of health issues. You will get to experience rural medicine at its best.



### THIRD YEAR:

**FAMILY MEDICINE**

Omak  
Yakima

**INTERNAL MEDICINE**  
Wenatchee

**PEDIATRICS**  
Wenatchee

**OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY**  
Tri-Cities  
Walla Walla  
Yakima

### FOURTH YEAR:

**NEUROLOGY**

Yakima  
Wenatchee