

Alaska WWAMI Fact Sheet

Medical Student Education

1st Year – University of Alaska (Anchorage) for basic sciences/introduction to clinical medicine

2nd Year – University of Washington (Seattle) for integration of basic and clinical sciences/Colleges

3rd Year – Required clinical rotations (WWAMI-wide)

- The Alaska Track – all 3rd year rotations can be done in Alaska
- WRITE (WWAMI Rural Integrated Training Experience) 5 months in Alaska

4th Year – Required and elective clinical rotations

- Ability to do all 4th year rotations in Alaska is under development

Pre-Med

- Della Keats/U-DOC/NIDDK – 24 Alaska high school juniors and seniors interested in healthcare professions in 6-week summer program (funded by NIH & UAA; organized through UAA's WWAMI Biomedical Program in partnership with the Anchorage Imaginarium)
- NIH NIDDK Summer Research Apprentice Program – 6 Alaska high school juniors and seniors NIH NIDDK Summer Undergraduate Research Program – 8- 10-wk experiences at UA campuses
- Annual PreMed Summit (2008 had more than 200 participants with interactive video to/from both UAF and UAS; representatives from UW, U Minnesota and the Assn. of Amer. Med. Coll. attended)

Graduate Medical Education – Residencies/Fellowships

- Alaska based/University of Washington affiliated
 - Family Medicine – Anchorage with rotations in 17 rural Alaska locations
 - 81% of graduates practicing in Alaska (59 physicians/75 graduates)
- University of Washington residencies in Alaska
 - Internal Medicine – 2-month rotations in Soldotna/Kenai (since 1983)

WWAMI “Return on Investment” is 88%—Return rates

- “Return on Investment” – 230/263 (88%) graduates from all WWAMI sites practicing or have practiced in Alaska
- Return rate – 124/263 (47%) practicing or have practiced in Alaska (National Average: less than 40%)

Financial Support of WWAMI

- FY 2008 state appropriations to UW- \$1,682,589
 - FY 2008 amount of state appropriations to UW spent in Alaska - \$1,102,734
 - FY 2008 % state appropriations to UW spent in Alaska – 66%
 - FY 2008 average state support to UW per student per year (2nd – 4th year)- \$56,086
 - FY 2008 average student paid tuition and fees per year - \$17,425(FY08 National Average: \$20,793)
 - FY 2008 Average Alaska WWAMI medical school debt per student: \$117,872
- FY 2008 National medical school debt average: \$143,140 per student - publicly funded school; \$173,304 per student - private

Physician Assistant Program

- 1st Year – University of Washington /University of Alaska Anchorage didactic training in Anchorage
- 2nd Year – University of Alaska Anchorage clinical year preceptorship and clerkships
 - Both years offered in Alaska in fall 2009.
- Graduates may obtain Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences from UAA

Community Outreach

- WWAMI AHEC (Area Health Education Center)
 - R/UOP (Rural/Underserved Opportunities Program) – One-month opportunity for students to spend in a rural or medically underserved community and complete a community service project. For 2007, 9 of the 10 Alaska students participated in the program. Out of the students who apply and were accepted to R/UOP, we placed 16 (from Alaska and other WWAMI states. We also had 9 Dental R/UOP placements in Alaska.
 - Mini-Medical School –Health education for the general public. The program was televideoed between Fairbanks and Anchorage