



STEVENS COUNTY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine trains medical students to become health care leaders of the future, ready to serve underserved and rural communities. A key strategy to accomplish this mission is to recruit medical school applicants from these communities and equip them with the tools to pursue a career in health care.

PARTNERSHIPS

We partner with community leaders throughout Washington to engage and mentor 7th grade students from school districts in Chewelah, Valley, Springdale and Wellpinit. We also partner with WSU Health Sciences as well as Eastern Washington University Health Sciences to bring a diverse team of health care professionals together to our learning experiences. In addition, invaluable partnerships with WSU Extension, Educational Service District 101, Greater Spokane Incorporated, Career Connect WA, and Mentor WA help guide the development of our program.

MENTORING

We provide mentoring and interprofessional learning experiences centered around health sciences to junior high school students. Our 8th grade programming is structured around virtual case-based learning and hands-on simulation,

while our 9th grade programming is designed to draw students deeper into allied health careers while supporting them in designing a capstone project that addresses a health care gap in their community.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are actively looking for a sustainable approach to transfer this program into the hands of the community. In addition to seeking continued grant funding, we are in process of partnering with WSU Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program to develop a Health Career Club. The club would not only incorporate families but serve to connect older students with jobs. We are also in discussions with Providence regarding the potential for creating student internships.

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