Clinical Training in Montana:
WRITE
30 Third-Year Required Clerkships
Billings Track
Missoula Track

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2015-2016 WRITE Site: Butte, Montana

- 22-week Site (hosts 2 students at a time)
- Population 34,000
- Located at the base of the Continental Divide
- Urban/Underserved WRITE site
- The Community Health Center provides comprehensive medical care to 12,500 patients
- Providers specialize in FM, IM, OB, Peds, Geriatrics, and Women’s Health

Clinic: Founded in 1986, the Southwest Montana Community Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center serving 12,500 patients with annual visits totaling 50,000. Our patient mix is 50% uninsured, 24% Medicaid, 20% Medicare, 6% private insurance. Our catchment area includes the City and County of Butte-Silverbow and surrounding counties of southwest Montana. [http://www.buttechc.com/](http://www.buttechc.com/)
2015-2016 WRITE Site: Lewistown, Montana

Dr. Laura Bennett
Lewistown’s
primary preceptor

• 22-week Rural WRITE Site (hosts 2 students at a time)
• Population 6,000
• Located in the middle of Montana in the vast Judith Basin
• Lewistown has been a WRITE site since 2005

With no psychologists, pediatricians or OB/Gyn doctors in town, the Lewistown family medicine physicians offer a traditional family medicine practice, covering all aspects of patient care, from newborn to eldercare. Primary hospital call is shared with all the primary call physicians. Students also work with family physicians at the Central Montana Community Health Clinic.
All Third-Year Required Clerkships Offered in Montana

- Internal Medicine
- OB/Gyn
- Pediatrics
- Surgery
- Psychiatry
- Family Medicine

MT Clerkship/Track Student Comments:

- The most beneficial aspects were the one-on-one time I was able to spend learning from the attendings and doing hands-on patient care. Billings FM

- I loved observing the different styles of the doctors I was working with. They were very friendly and it was nice to get a chance to pick up on some of each of their strengths as I develop my own style of interacting with patients. Bozeman FM

- I had a lot of autonomy and was given lots of opportunity to try new procedures. The instruction was top notch. Libby OB

- Variety of exposure, from standard out patient visits to some brief subspecialty exposure to nursing home care. Great Falls MED

- Very hands-on, and welcoming. Made me feel welcome and had expectations for me. It was a hard rotation, but really educational. Felt very supported in my learning. Missoula Track

- 31 deliveries, 28 C-sections, and 12 GYN surgeries... OB Great Falls
Billings Clerkships & Track

• Population >105,000 with two tertiary Medical Centers
• Regionally recognized teaching faculty
• Work side-by-side with each of your preceptors, gaining hands on experience in all six specialties.
• Weekly residency formal didactics and access to the Sim-Lab

• Over 15 years of medical education experience throughout all specialties
• Wilderness Medicine Education available
• Many Service Learning Opportunities
• Global Health Track Residency with events open to students
The Billings Track Office facilitates all clerkship activities in Billings:

- Housing
- Orientation
- Preceptor education
- Curriculum questions
- Track activities

Billings Track Staff
with student Meghan Combs and parents

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Missoula Clerkships & Track

- All six 3rd-Year Clerkships
- 30+ years of WWAMI in Missoula
- Centralized WWAMI Missoula office coordinates all clerkships and student activities
- Collaborates with the Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana

Clinical Partners:
- St. Patrick Hospital
- Community Medical Center
- Western Montana Clinic
- Partnership Health Center (Community Health Center)
- Curry Health Center (student health center/HMO)

FREE FOOD!!!!!
At both hospitals and on campus and Track students get a housing stipend.

Missoula—a really fun town!
- U of M Campus
- All seasons outdoor recreation
- Vibrant Downtown
- Farmers’ Market
- Snowbowl Ski Area
- Brennan’s Wave
Missoula Clerkship & Track Office

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The Missoula Track office:

• Facilitates all clerkships in Missoula
• Coordinates housing and orientation
• Assists students in finding their way around town and hosts fun events
• Education opportunities –
  • ICM 3, Interprofessional Ed Course
  • Ethics discussions
  • Tour of the Rocky Mountain Lab

Dr. Davison with Megan Twohig and Missoula preceptors Drs. Laurie Carter and Janice Gomersall
Montana Students at Work
Recreation in Montana
Montana WWAMI Clinical Education Office

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