



Featured Programs With a Proven Track Record of Producing Rural Physicians

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The RTT Collaborative (or “rural training collaborative” for short) is invested in providing students interested in rural training with good information regarding their options. A “**rural program**” is an accredited program in health professions education and training in which students and/or trainees spend the majority of their time training (more than 50%) in a rural place. For a more complete description and an article about rural residency program definitions [click here](#) or visit the [RTT Collaborative website](#) for an [interactive map of rural residencies](#) in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, and General Surgery.

However, there are a significant number of **rurally focused programs** that do not meet the RTT Collaborative definition outlined above and yet produce many rural doctors. The RTT Collaborative each year awards special recognition to any residency program, urban or rural, in any specialty that has a history of placing graduates in rural community practice. Any program can be recognized for the percentage and/or number of graduates who, on a 3-year rolling average, have established an initial place of practice in a rural community and/or who are in rural practice 3 years following graduation.

The following 16 programs have applied for and achieved a level worthy of recognition over the three graduating classes from 2018 to 2020 (i.e., a rolling average over 3 years of >3 residents per year or a graduation rate of >35% to rural practice, above the documented average for RTTs):

- ❖ Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana, Missoula and Kalispell, MT - 71.88% and 7.67 rural graduates a year
- ❖ Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residency Program, Silver City, NM – 50%
- ❖ Hilo Medical Center Program, Hilo, HI - 45.45%
- ❖ Idaho State University Department of Family Medicine Residency Program - 52.38% and 3.67 rural graduates per year
- ❖ Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency, Augusta, ME – 46.67% and 4.67 rural graduates per year
- ❖ **OHSU-Cascades East Family Medicine Residency, Klamath Falls, OR – 73.91%** and 5.67 rural graduates per year
- ❖ St Peter Hospital (Chehalis) Program, Chehalis, WA – 50%
- ❖ Texas A&M Family Medicine Residency, Bryan, TX - 58.62% and 5.67 rural graduates per year
- ❖ University at Buffalo Rural Program, Olean, NY – 50%
- ❖ University of Illinois College of Medicine in Rockford/Monroe Clinic Rural Program – 50%
- ❖ **University of Kansas (Wichita) / Via Christi Hospitals Wichita Program - Family Medicine – 55.56% and 10 rural graduates per year**
- ❖ University of Minnesota (Duluth) Program, Duluth, MN – 65.38% and 5.67 rural graduates per year
- ❖ University of Missouri Family Medicine Residency Program, Columbia, MO – 3.33 rural graduates per year
- ❖ University of Nebraska College of Medicine Rural Program – 57.14% and 4 rural graduates per year
- ❖ University of North Dakota (Minot) Program, Minot, ND – 35.29%
- ❖ West Virginia Univeristy Program, Morgantown, WV – 41.18%

The top producers by percentage or number of rural graduates per year are bolded and underlined. If a program is not listed, it could be that the program has less than 3 years of graduates to report or has simply not applied for recognition this year. Encourage them to apply next year!

For an [interactive map of rural programs in Family Medicine in the United States](https://rttcollaborative.net/rural-programs/residency-map/), visit the Student section of The RTT Collaborative website: <https://rttcollaborative.net/rural-programs/residency-map/>; for questions please contact Dr. Longenecker, Executive Director, The RTT Collaborative at longenec@ohio.edu.