



Featured Programs with a Proven Track Record of Producing Rural Physicians

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There are many residency programs with the stated goal of producing rural physicians, and there are many programs that provide high quality rural training. The RTT Collaborative (or “rural training collaborative”) is invested in providing students interested in rural training and practice with good information regarding their options.

A “**rural program**” is an accredited program in which residents spend more than 50% of their time training 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 above definition, and yet produce many rural doctors.

Each year the RTT Collaborative recognizes residency programs across the country who consistently place residents into practice in rural communities after graduation. All programs, regardless of setting or specialty are encouraged to submit their graduate placement results for the prior three years to earn this recognition.

The following programs applied for recognition and have achieved a level of rural graduate placement worthy of **Rural Recognition** (>35% or >3 graduates per year), and a few are worthy of **Special Recognition** for rates exceeding the documented average for rural programs (>50% rural placement).

Special Recognition (>50% per year):			
North Colorado Family Medicine Residency Rural Training Program	Wray, CO	100%	1
University of Wisconsin (Baraboo) Rural Program	Baraboo, WI	83%	1.6
North Colorado Family Medicine Residency Rural Training Program	Sterling, CO	75%	1.5
Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana	Missoula/Kalispell, MT	63%	6.3
University of Kansas (Wichita) / Via Christi Hospitals Wichita Program - Family Medicine	Wichita, KS	52%	9.3
Montana Family Medicine Residency	Billings, MT	52%	4.3
University of Minnesota/CentraCare St. Cloud Family Medicine Residency	St Cloud, MN	50%	2.7
Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital Family Medicine Residency Rural Training	Hood River, OR	50%	1
Rural Recognition (>35%, or >3 residents per year):			
North Colorado Family Medicine Residency Core Program	Greely, CO	47%	3.5
Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Program	Augusta, ME	45%	4.7
University of Missouri Family Medicine Residency	Columbia, MO	33%	4

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, visit the Student section of The RTT Collaborative website: <https://rttcollaborative.net/rural-programs/residency-map/>; for questions please contact Dr. Bell, Associate Director, RTT Collaborative at rttc2@rttcollaborative.net.