



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 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. However, there are a significant number of **rurally focused programs** that do not meet this definition, and yet produce many rural doctors. For a more complete description of rural residency programs and an [interactive map of rural residencies](#) in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, and General Surgery, visit the [RTT Collaborative website](#).

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 **Special Recognition** for rates exceeding the documented average for rural programs (>50% rural placement), or **Rural Recognition** (at least 3 graduates per year, based on the average rural program size of 6 residents per class)

Special Recognition (>50% per year):			
North Colorado Family Medicine Residency Rural Training Program	Sterling, CO	100%	2
North Colorado Family Medicine Residency Rural Training Program	Wray, CO	100%	1.7
Oregon Health and Science University (Cascades East) Program	Klamath Falls, OR	83%	6.7
University of Wisconsin (Baraboo) Rural Program	Baraboo, WI	83%	1.7
University of Wisconsin (Madison) Program - Rural Health Equity Track	Madison, WI	83%	1.7
Providence Oregon Hood River Family Medicine Residency Rural Training Program	Hood River, OR	67%	1.3
Swedish Port Angeles Rural Program	Port Angeles, WA	67%	1.3
Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana	Missoula/Kalispell, MT	62%	6
University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine Rural Program	Grand Isl./Kearney/N. Platte/Scottsbluff, NE	61%	3.7
North Colorado Family Medicine Residency Greeley Program	Greeley, CO	57%	4.3
Idaho State University Family Medicine Residency Program	Pocatello, ID	57%	4
Montana Family Medicine Residency	Billings, MT	50%	4
Rural Recognition (>3 residents per year):			
University of Missouri Family Medicine Residency	Columbia, MO	32%	4
University of Wisconsin (Madison) Program	Madison, WI	19.6%	3

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