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Interview with Montana WWAMI Admissions Committee

Successful completion of the program results in an interview invitation with the Montana WWAMI Admissions Committee for consideration of acceptance into UWSOM.

Interview invitation includes, but is not limited to:

- Receiving a minimum MCAT score of 495 during or prior to the pathway year
- Successfully completing all course and program requirements

WHO WE ARE

JAY ERICKSON, M.D.

Dr. Erickson is the clinical Dean for Montana WWAMI, overseeing clerkship training and recruiting applicants to the Montana WWAMI program. He has focused on rural and underserved students, with a special interest in American Indian students matriculating into medical school.

JANE SHELBY PH.D.

Dr Shelby is an Affiliate Professor, Biomedical Informatics and Medical Education at University of Washington School of Medicine. She is the former Foundations Dean, Alaska WWAMI, and served as the Executive Director of Health Sciences at MSU. She has mentored many Alaska Native and American Indian students, helping them achieve success in medical school.

ANGELA MCLEAN

Office Commissioner of Higher Education Angela McLean leads the OCHE effort in providing focus to education for American Indian students, helping to direct OCHE resources to achieve increasingly positive outcomes. She is a former educator with an expansive view of the importance of education for American Indian students.



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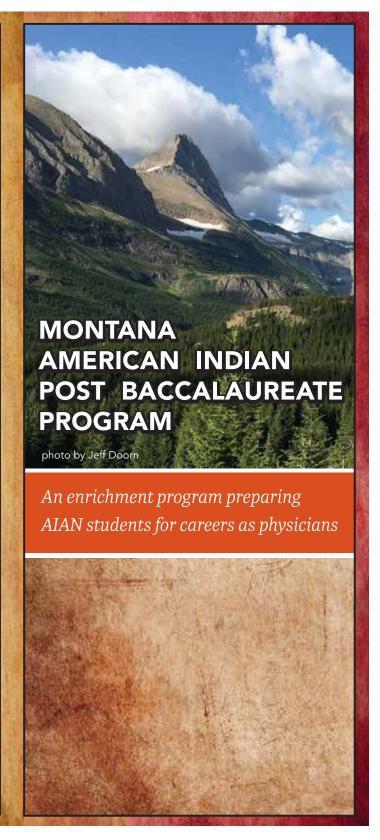
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Introducing a new program to increase the number of Montana American Indian physicians

Montana WWAMI is part of decentralized medical education program of the University of Washington School of Medicine. This new program, the Montana American Indian Post Baccalaureate Program, focuses on increasing the number of Montana American Indian students who successfully matriculate into medical school. The clinical office of Montana WWAMI will administer the new program, a statewide program inclusive of all aspiring Montana American Indian students preparing for medical school.

The Montana American Indian Post Baccalaureate Program will provide American Indian students with enrichment, support and resources for success on the path to medicine.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- 3 semesters- Su, Fall and Spring
- Customized course planning: students take approved premed courses from MSU or UM.
- Program courses/ seminar sessions include an emphasis on foundational biomedical science, health disparities, epidemiology, fostering study skills- delivered in online and in-person retreat sessions



I overcame trials and tribulations to matriculate into medical school because I see the need Indian country faces as it is overwhelmed with healthcare disparities. I believe a Post-Baccalaureate program would have minimized barriers for me and I hope it will do so for future students in order to diversify our healthcare system and allow patients to have physicians that are a representation of themselves.

Nicolette Brown, MT WWAMI MS2 Northern Arapaho & Eastern Shoshone



LeeAnna Muzquiz M.D.

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

- Associate Dean for Admissions University of Washington School of Medicine
- Family physician in Polson, MT
- Montana WWAMI graduate

PROGRAM DETAILS CONTINUED:

- Volunteer, wellness, shadowing activities
- Attend national meeting (AAIP)
- Mentorship with AI physicians
- Tuition waiver
- $\bullet \ Living \ stipend$

ELIGIBILITY:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native enrolled member
- Rising senior or completed undergraduate degree
- GPA 2.7 or higher
- Montana residency

EXPECTED PROGRAM LAUNCH SUMMER 2022