

PNWU Pulse

FROM THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT



Accreditation

Because the long-range goals of PNWU include additional healthcare related programs of study, regional accreditation is necessary.

PNWU is currently pursuing regional accreditation from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). NWCCU is an independent, non-profit membership organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) as the regional authority on educational quality and institutional effectiveness of higher education institutions in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

Many specialized programs of study, such as the Physician Assistant Program, have specialized accrediting agencies that requires a university or college to have regional accreditation before being considered for accreditation of the individual program.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) is separately accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). Regional accreditation from NWCCU was not necessary prior to pursuing accreditation for the COM. The COCA serves the public by establishing, maintaining and applying accreditation standards and procedures to ensure that academic quality and continuous quality improvement delivered by the colleges of osteopathic medicine reflect the evolving practice of osteopathic medicine.

- August 1**
Faculty Orientation
- August 2**
First day of class for 2nd year students
- August 2-4**
Orientation for 1st year students
- August 5**
First day of class for first year students
- September 17**
Washington Osteopathic Medical Association Continuing Medical Education (CME) on PNWU campus
- September 17**
White Coat Ceremony
The Capitol Theatre
Yakima, Washington

- September 23**
Osteopathic Foundation of Central Washington Annual Golf Classic
[Register Here](#)

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Wall of 100

Doctors Supporting Clinical Excellence

PNWU is excited to announce the **Wall of 100** campaign designed for physicians who support 3rd and 4th year clinical rotations and development of residency programs. Three levels of giving are available and will be recognized by a personal picture and name plaque on the **Wall of 100**.

July 22, 2011

Inside the Fourth Year



Rachael Wright's final year of medical school is an opportunity for traveling, learning and helping provide critical services to communities in need.

"In August I will do a pediatric cardiology rotation in Anchorage, AK," Rachael said. She will also do a family medicine rotation serving the often remote communities the residency encompasses.

"In October I will do a sub-internship in Spokane to get a glimpse into another well-established program and in mid-February I will be back in Alaska spending a month in Unalaska, in the Aleutian Islands, at a community health center," she said. "The population of the town nearly doubles during the winter crabbing season. I learned about this community health center from the medical director at a primary care conference four years ago. The medical director handed me a postcard and invited me to do a rotation with them when I became a medical student. I have carried the postcard in my school bag ever since."

Following Unalaska, Rachael will return to Boise for one month before heading to Cape Coast, Ghana, with her first preceptor, Dr. Crownson. He is a family medicine physician who was raised in Ghana.

"I will spend my last elective in Ghana. Dr. Crownson's vision is to build a community health center," she said. "He has already purchased the land and hopes to break ground in April 2012. My hope is the clinic will be an international rotation site for medical students in the future."

LEADERS & MENTORS

A quick glimpse at some of the incredible faculty, administration, board members and staff who enrich the quality of medical education...



Melissa Lemp, D.O.
Chair, Pediatrics &
Assistant Professor of
Pediatrics



Barbara Demory
Executive Assistant/
Assessment
Coordinator



Diana Rhodes, DVM,
Ph.D.
Professor of Anatomy



Anita Showalter,
D.O. Assistant Dean
of Clinical Sciences,
Chair, Women's
Health & Associate
Professor

Preceptor Feedback

"I think this is a great thing we are doing. We all stand to learn so much more when we teach!"

~Nazy Sharifi, M.D., M.S.,
C.P.C., Hospitalist, Kaiser
Sunnyside Medical Center

"Our student diagnosed an inguinal hernia in a young teen boy who declined to be examined by his female Pediatrician. Perhaps a minor issue, but important to this athlete and the starting diagnosis of a career."

~Doug Carr, M.D., Regional
Dean, Billings, MT

"The PNWU students are poised, mature and well-prepared for their clinical experiences. It's a pleasure to have them work with me in my practice."

~Lynda Williamson, DO,
Regional Dean, Spokane, WA

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